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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Buoyant Finances

WHETHER or not the Financial Secretary will feel entitled to budget for a substantial surplus in the 1953/54 financial year, it has already been established, and officially disclosed, that the current fiscal year will end with revenue far in excess of expenditure and that the Colony's finances are as buoyant today as ever. For this we have to thank the remarkable increase in revenue from direct taxation which will not be less than \$40 million in excess of the estimates. This additional intake is a matter for satisfaction, indicating as it does that Government is at last in a position to obtain something approaching maximum collection of revenue from this particular source. The increasing of the Inland Revenue Department establishment obviously has paid dividends and has fully justified itself. But while the Financial Secretary will be able to point to a splendid overall financial result for the year, the picture he presents tomorrow is not likely to be without its dark shades. Hints have already been given that so-called luxury taxation has yielded smaller returns than expected, reflecting the general trend of restricted trading, higher living costs and less money to spend. And as there is no discernible prospect of any spectacular change in the situation, it is likely that the Financial Secretary will have to budget for still less revenue from some of the indirect taxation sources.

CONSIDERABLE interest will be found in next year's proposed spending, particularly on major works. Apart from schemes such as the Tai Lum Chung Valley reservoir, the reclamation work between the Naval Yard and Queen's Pier, and the construction of new wharves for the Star Ferry, the public will be keen to learn whether it is proposed to make a start on the new Kowloon Hospital and the projected extension to Kai Tak airfield which, when completed, will enable the latest types of civil aircraft to enter and leave Hongkong. Both undertakings are, from the long-term point of view, essential to the future of the Colony, and cannot be postponed indefinitely. Admittedly they are costly works, yet it cannot seriously be claimed that either or both are beyond the financial resources of the Colony. The healthy state of the Development Fund, which is likely to stand at over \$60 million at the end of the current financial year, is a factor which encourages the expectation that next year will see the beginning of construction on a new hospital in Kowloon. Hongkong, like other places at this time, must prudently cut its coat according to the cloth available; nevertheless, the knowledge that we have negotiated a difficult year with outstanding success instils confidence, that we shall continue to improve our financial position. On this premise it is proper that every effort be made to carry out major development projects obviously essential to the future welfare of the Colony.

'END KOREAN WAR'—VYSHINSKY

But He Has No Proposals To End Deadlock

ADMITS RUSSIA HAS SOLD WEAPONS TO HER "ALLIES & FRIENDS"

United Nations, Mar. 2.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, today called for an end of the Korean war "irrespective of who began it, who supplied the weapons", but he had no new proposals for solving the deadlock.

In a 90-minute speech, he referred the General Assembly's Political Committee to the Polish peace resolution, rejected by the General Assembly last November in favour of India's resolution, which the Soviet group turned down.

A crowded committee room heard Mr Vyshinsky's answer to the American delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, who charged last week that Russia helped the aggressors in Korea.

The Soviet Minister declared: Not only do we want the war to come to an end, we propose it.

"Irrespective of who began it, who supplied the weapons, let us put an end to it now."

Then he turned to Mr Lodge, saying: "But you don't want to end it."

Mr Vyshinsky admitted that Russia had sold weapons to "our friends and allies."

He said: "That fact is on the record. What are you trying to do, push a battering ram through an open door?"

Mr Vyshinsky said Russia had no treaty with Korea and was not obliged, and in fact did not, sell arms to North Korea, with the exception of those supplies sold on the spot when Soviet occupation forces withdrew from the country.

He charged that the main task being followed by the Eisenhower Administration was preparation for a new war. The United States had made clumsy, unsuccessful attempts, to cover up her unwillingness to end the war, but this would not stop Russia trying to end it.

Mr Vyshinsky accused Mr Lester Pearson, Canadian President of the General Assembly, of bias in the way he sent the Indian resolution to the Communist Chinese and North Korean Governments.

He said Mr Pearson asserted that this represented the profound desire of all the United Nations to end the war. But—the "aggressive North Atlantic bloc" had resolutely refused the Soviet demand for a cease fire. Thus they opposed an end of the war, with "such distortions" could not but elicit negative replies.

(Mr Pearson has been mentioned as a likely nominee for the post of United Nations Secretary-General in succession to Norway's Trygve Lie, and there have been reports that Russia would not use the veto against him.)

As soon as Mr Vyshinsky sat down, Mr Lodge replied that to agree to the Communist peace plan would amount to leaving "the fruits of aggression in the hands of the North Korean and Chinese Communists."

Mr Lodge said the Communists held a great area of Korea and thousands of hostages. If the Soviet proposals were accepted now, the Communists could continue to hold those hostages and argue over them while building up their armed strength.

If negotiations were not to their satisfaction, the Communists could start hostilities all over again.

Earlier in his address, Mr Vyshinsky accused Mr Lodge of making a "miserable" maiden speech to the Committee as his country's new delegate. He asked: "Is that all, Mr Lodge, that you have to say?"

Delegates who had been listening to speeches by representatives of smaller countries, fresh on their headphones with put interest as Mr Vyshinsky rose to speak. His reply to the American representative, appointed by the new Republican Administration, had long been awaited.

Mr Vyshinsky said Mr Lodge had asserted that every element of American life desired peace. But "inspired reports" in the American press at the same time implied "a new tough" policy would be followed by the United States and that American action in Korea would take the form of increased military pressure.

"Slander And Distortion"

Mr Vyshinsky accused Mr Lodge of "slander, distortion and misrepresentation" in asserting that the Chinese Foreign Minister had said the Korean war was good for Communism. He declared this was "gross falsification and forgery" designed to "arouse hatred and hostility to the Chinese people."

It was not the North Koreans who were the aggressors, but the South Koreans, "aided and abetted by the Americans," Mr Vyshinsky alleged.

Referring to a recent statement by General James Van Fleet former 8th Army Commander, that should Korea be lost, Japan and Southeast Asia would also be lost, Mr Vyshinsky said: "May I add Japan and Southeast Asia will be lost by you anyhow."

Mr Vyshinsky accused Mr Lester Pearson of showing bias and using "cautious language" when he sent to the Chinese Communist and North Korean Governments copies of the Indian resolutions, which the Assembly approved last December.

Mr Vyshinsky said Mr Pearson, in his accompanying letter, asserted that the resolution expressed the profound desire of all the United Nations to end the war in Korea.

But well-known members of the "aggressive North Atlantic bloc" had absolutely refused the Soviet demand for an immediate cease-fire, thus they opposed an end to the war, the Soviet Foreign Minister declared.

Mr Vyshinsky also said that American policy in the Far East envisaged the creation of large armed forces in all the Asian countries.

"It is no secret that the United States intends to mobilise soldiers of non-Communist Asia, principally Japan," he added.

Feverish preparations were being made to create new bases in the Pacific, General Chiang Kai-shek's forces were being encouraged to raid the Chinese mainland.

The American press visualised the replacement of Americans by Asians.

Mr Vyshinsky said the Soviet Union took the initiative for peace in Korea as early as 1949, but the United States and her Allies rejected Russia's proposals.

"Not only do we want the war to come to an end, we propose it," he said. "Irrespective of who began it, who supplied the weapons, let us put an end to it now."

Mr Vyshinsky turned to Mr Lodge and added: "But you don't want to end it."

Israeli Patrols Kill 7 Arab Irregulars

Jerusalem, Mar. 2.

At least seven Arab irregulars were killed in two engagements with Israeli Army patrols on Saturday night, an Israeli Army spokesman said tonight.

The Israelis stated that their forces suffered no casualties in either incident and said the first began when an Israeli Army vehicle was ambushed northeast of Beersheba.

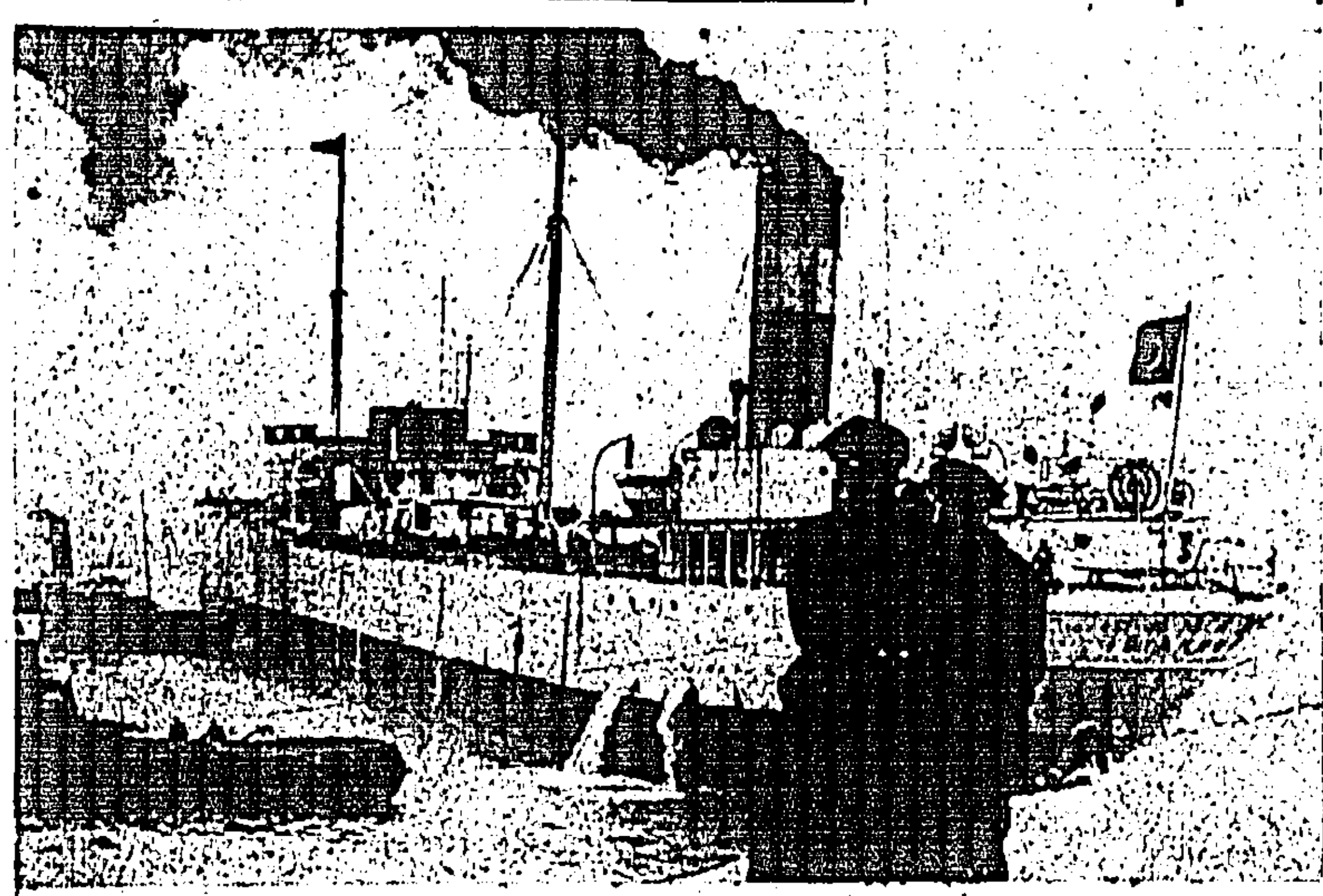
The Israelis said they returned the Arab fire, killing one, while the second fire, across the border in the direction of Hebron.

The second encounter developed in a two-hour long engagement in the Beit Jibrin area West of Hebron, where an Israeli patrol encountered a "force" of armed Jordanian irregulars seven kilometres inside Israeli territory, the spokesman said.

After a two-hour exchange of fire, the Jordanians fled, leaving six bodies and a number of weapons, he said.

The spokesman said, "The enemy suffered severe losses," indicating he thought the Jordan casualties higher than the seven bodies left behind.

The Beit Jibrin area is now a serious trouble spot on the Israeli-Jordan border. It was the scene of three armed clashes in the past week.—Associated Press.



Above is the Turkish oil tanker Raman which tried to escape from Bremen without settling a bill for £166,000. Story below tells of latest developments.—London Express.

Comet Airliner Crashes

Karachi, Mar. 3.

A Comet airliner is reported to have crashed at Karachi airport, killing the crew of five and six passengers.

(The first Comet jet airliner bought by the Canadian Pacific Airlines for trans-Pacific flights left London for Sydney on Sunday.)

(This plane, Empress of Hawaii, was due to make its first passenger flight on the Sydney-Honolulu route on April 28).—Reuter.

NO BAIL FOR JELKE

New York, Mar. 2.

Trial Judge Francis Valente refused today to permit bail for convicted procurer Minot Jelke. He said that it was in the best interests of the 23-year-old Jelke to remain in gaol until he was sentenced on March 20.

The cafe society playboy was convicted last Friday of inducing 19-year-old Pat Ward and one-time Chicago hat check girl Marguerite Cordova to go on \$50 and \$100 vice dates with millionaire night-club clients.

"I am not primarily concerned with punishment here," Judge Valente said. "I am more concerned with the rehabilitation of this defendant and we can't have a programme worked out and get his co-operation so long as he is made a national hero in the Press."

Judge Valente said he felt that the "therapeutic effect of staying in prison was an important part of any programme to rehabilitate this boy."

The defence attorney, Mr Samuel Segal, indicated that he would appeal against the verdict to the higher court.—United Press.

No Hands Were Raised

United Nations, Mar. 2.

During his speech to United Nations delegates today, Mr Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister declared, "If you want to put an end to the war in Korea, raise your hands."

He then looked round the room and added, "Nobody does!"—Reuter.

Answering Mr Lodge's charge that Russia had aided and abetted the aggressors, Mr Vyshinsky said the Soviet Union had no treaty with Korea, and was not obliged, and in fact did not, sell arms to Korea except for the fact that, when the Soviet Union withdrew forces, they sold their supplies on the spot.

Mr Vyshinsky said Russia had sold weapons to the Chinese Republic. The fact was on record.

Russia would champion the proposals in the resolution she offered at the last session. That remained her programme for the settlement of the Korean (Contd. on back page, col. 5)

ESCAPE FOR PERON

Buenos Aires, Mar. 2.

An explosion occurred at the railway station here tonight, a few minutes after President Juan Peron arrived back from his visit to Chile.

It was believed to be due to a time bomb which shook the luggage depot, about 100 yards from the Presidential stand.

A door and a window were shattered but no casualties were caused.

Six railway workers have been arrested.—Reuter.

Government Offers To Pay Fine

Bremen, Mar. 2.

Hasim Mardin said today the Turkish government has offered to pay his 30,000 Marks fine for trying to sneak his debt-impounded tanker out of Bremen's harbour.

The Turkish shipper said his government also is urging him to file a civil suit against the R. G. Weser shipyard for holding his tanker against payment of a 1,400,000 Marks (\$333,200) repair bill.

The Turkish government feels itself insulted, Mardin said, because Weser refused to recognise a Turkish bank's guarantee for the bill's payment.

When the shipyard refused to release his tanker, Mardin and his crew boarded the craft by night and sailed without clearance toward the open sea until police halted them. He was convicted of deliberately endangering harbour traffic, unlawfully detaining a tug watchman, and violating an order impounding the tanker.

The court ruled he must serve 60 days in gaol unless he pays the fine.—Associated Press.

Fires Ravage Rangoon

Rangoon, Mar. 2.

Rangoon was panic stricken today, the third successive day of outbreaks of fire which have gutted whole residential areas and rendered nearly 25,000 homeless.

Suburb parks, playgrounds, school and Church compounds, and the Rangoon Turf Club, have been turned into temporary refugee homes.

Today's fire in the northern outskirts of the city burnt down 600 homes. Only charred skeletons of buildings remain where 3,000 people once lived.—Associated Press.

Police Fire On Demonstrators

Jammu, Kashmir, Mar. 2.

One person was killed and two injured when police fired on Praja Parishad demonstrators yesterday at Ramban, 110 miles from Jammu.

Official sources said the police opened fire to disperse a crowd of 1,000 demonstrators who raided the local police station and hurled stones at the police.

The Hindu right-wing Praja party in Jammu has been carrying on demonstrations against Sheikh Abdullah's Government since November, demanding the complete accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Expresses Concern

Relations With Arab Nations

Washington, Mar. 2.

President Eisenhower told Prince Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, during a meeting between them at the White House today that he was concerned over the deteriorating relations between the United States and Arab nations and asked Arab leaders to join him in seeking a return to greater confidence and trust.

Prince Faisal, son of King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia and head of his country's delegation to the United Nations, conferred for about 30 minutes with President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

After the meeting the White House announced that President Eisenhower during his talk with Prince Faisal "expressed his concern over some evidence that there has lately occurred a deterioration in relations between the Arab nations and the United States."

The White House statement said that President Eisenhower stated that "it would be his firm purpose to seek to restore the spirit of confidence and trust which had previously characterized these relations, and he hoped that Arab leaders would be inspired by the same purpose."

PURPOSE OF TRIP

Leaving the White House the Prince told reporters that the purpose of his trip here from New York was to pay his personal respects to the President whom he had not seen since the inauguration.

He said that he had also conveyed the felicitations and best wishes of his father to the President.

Prince Faisal and the President spoke through an interpreter, Sheikh Ali Reza, who is a member of the Saudi Arabian delegation to the United Nations.

Also present for the conference with the Prince were Sheikh Asa al Faquih, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador, and Sheikh Ibrahim Suleiman, principal assistant to the Prince.

The Arabians, in their colourful white robes and burnouses, made a striking picture when they left the White House and at the request of photographers playfully staged a mock snowball fight.

Before going to the White House the Prince and his party went to the State Department and met Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, staying with him for about 30 minutes.—United Press.

85 Army Officers Arrested

Tehran, Mar. 2.

A total of 85 Army officers, most of them retired, were arrested last night, it was learned today.—France-Press.

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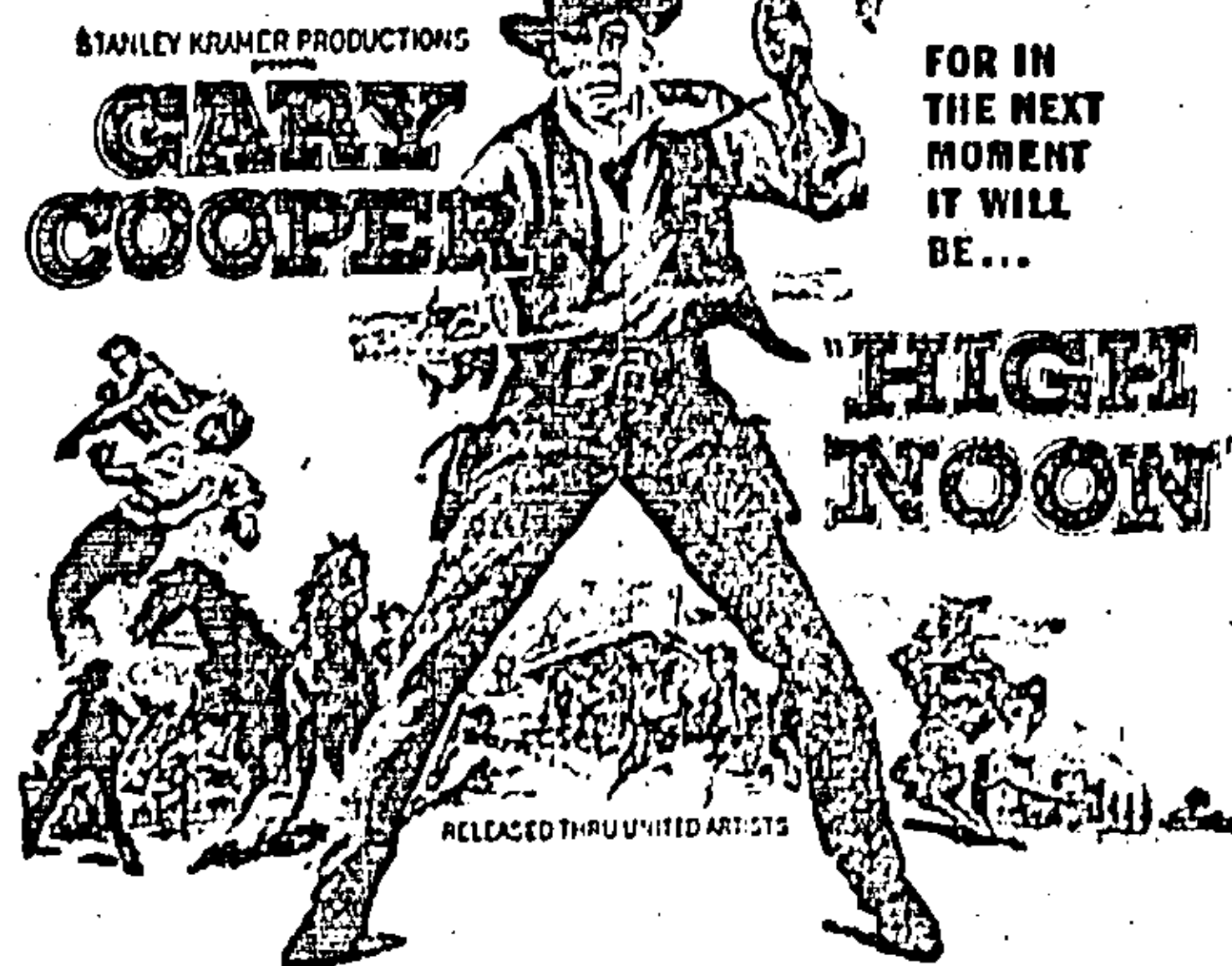
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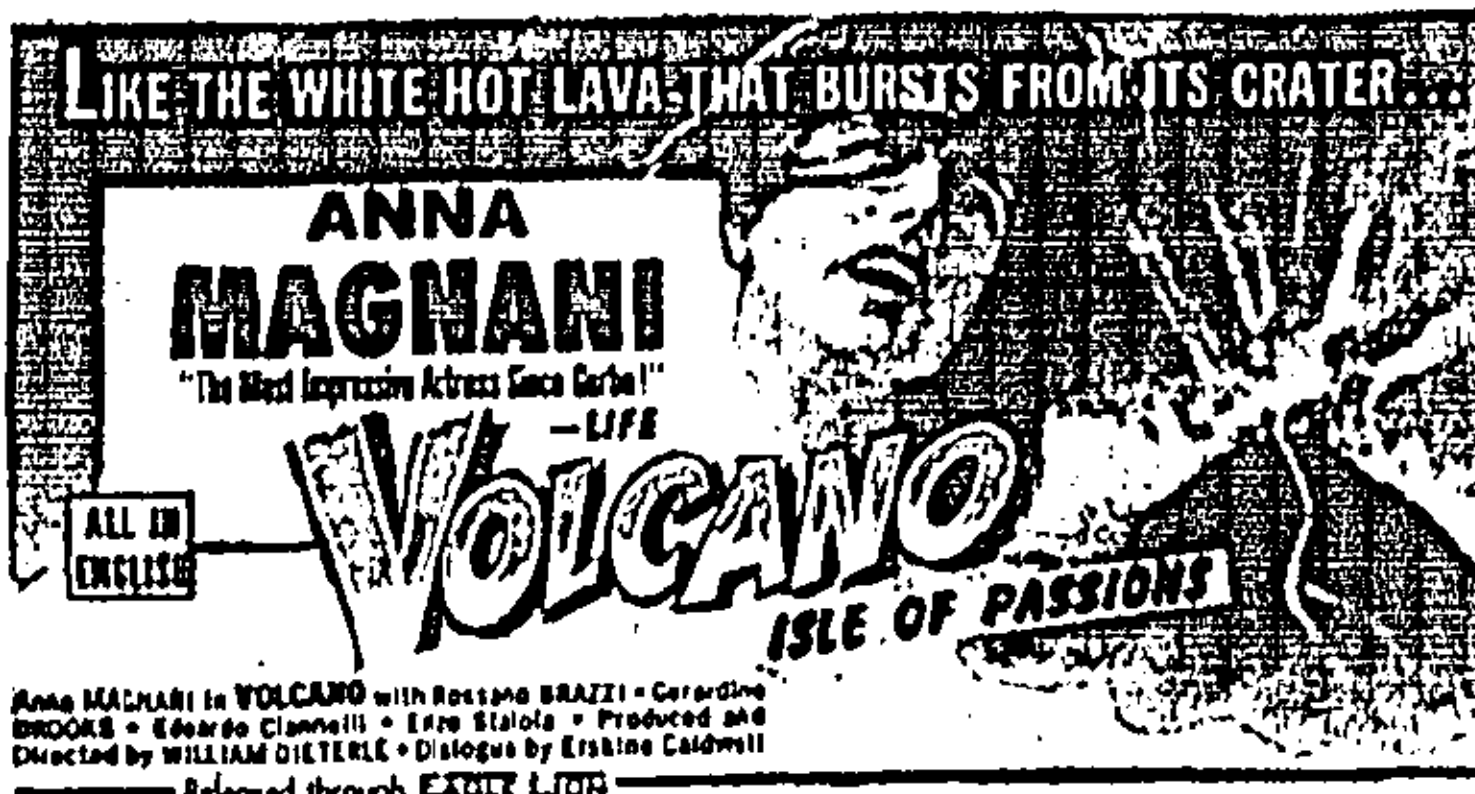
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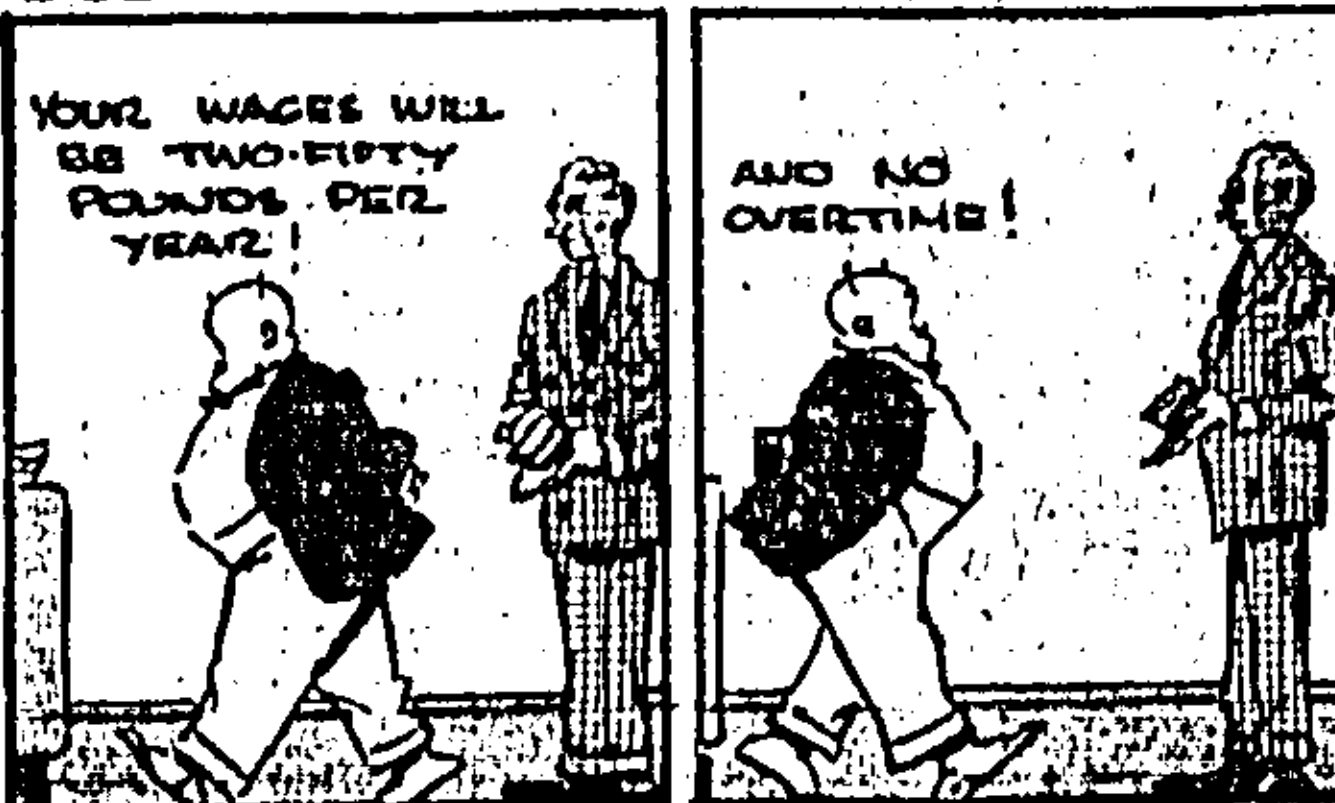
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Envoy Goes To Palace



Tito's new Ambassador to London, 6-foot-tall war-time guerrilla general Vladimir Velich, leaves his Embassy in Buckingham Palace to present his credentials to the Queen. —Express Photo.

Strategic Metal Is Top Secret In South Korea

Tokyo, Mar. 3.

Tungsten, a strategic metal used in the production of steel and other armaments, is a top secret in Korea today.

Before the war, statistics published in many countries listed Korea as one of the chief producers of this metal. But army security in Korea now treats the subject as "classified".

South Korea is, however, one of the main sources of this metal for American industry. The South Korean Government directly controls all mines and is hoping that American help will expand production from about 3,500 tons of ore a year to more than 5,000 tons.

Tungsten reserves are expected to be a consideration in any future military move in Korea. The often-discussed offensive to the narrow waist of the peninsula, some 80 miles North of the present battle line, would bring important additional reserves of tungsten ore into United Nations territory.

Production of tungsten in Korea started with the occupation of the country by the Japanese. After World War I, Japanese development groups opened several mines, most of which are still producing.

One of the most important in South Korea is just South of Chongyang, West of Taegon and about 120 miles South of Seoul.

It is an isolated community tucked away in a mountain valley. One thousand miners work about 500 feet underground to bring out the black wolframite ore. This is put into bags at the mine and taken out by lorry to Pusan whence it is shipped direct to the United States.

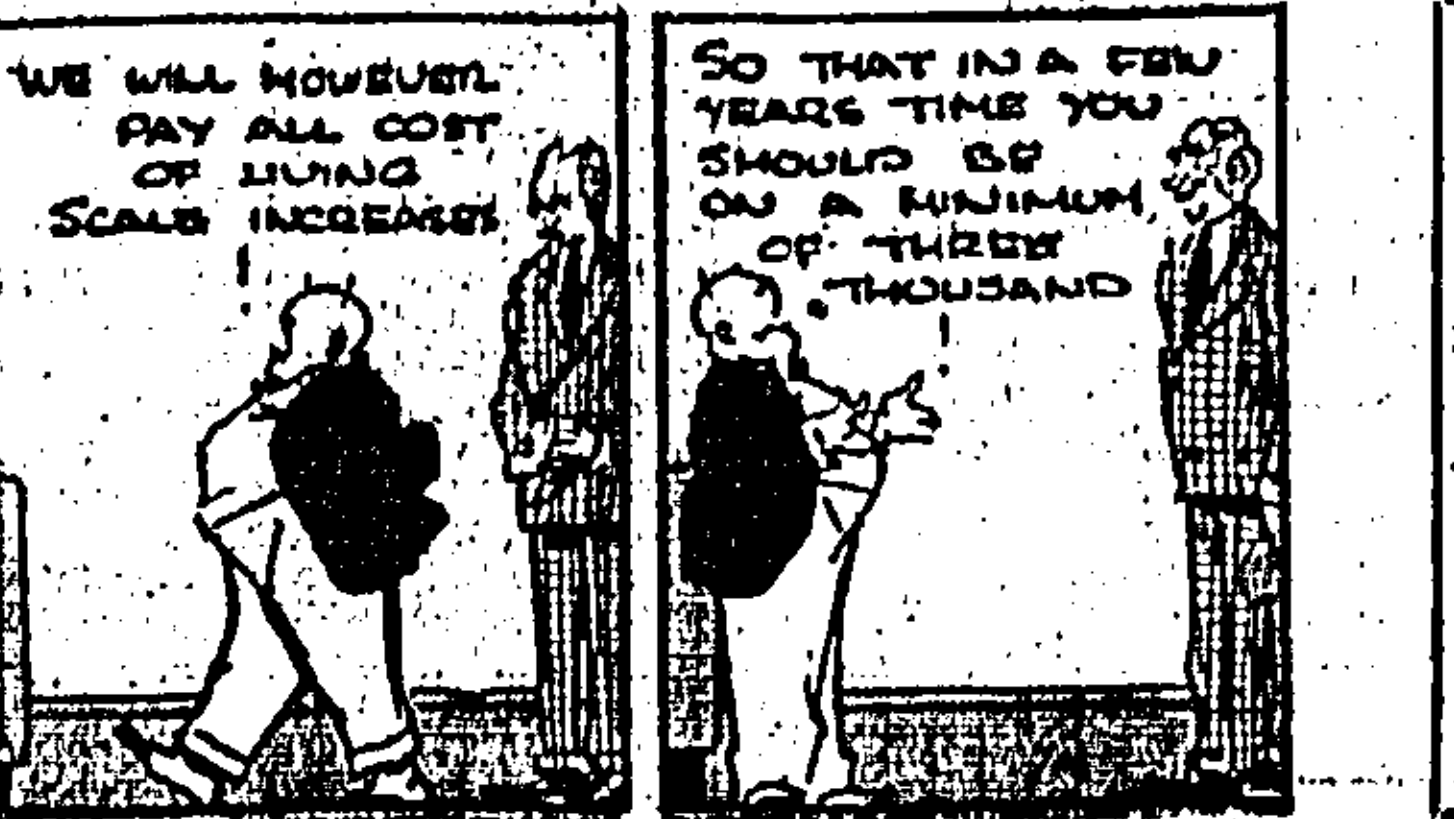
The tungsten miners at Chongyang are among the best paid workers in Korea. The best of them earn up to 1,000,000 won a month including bonuses. This is the equivalent, on the "grey" market, of about 100 dollars (about 230).

The average is about 500,000 won a month—compared with the 3,500 won (about 35 cents—about 2/-) a month, which a South Korean private soldier is paid.

The tungsten miners also get special rations and consideration in the allocation of housing.

Now plans are being made to expand the output of the Chongyang mine. The present extraction has already reached the

Pound wise



Whisky Galore Beats Madras Prohibition Law

Pondicherry, French India, Mar. 2.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's customs officers have checked gold smuggling across this French colony's border, but they fight a losing battle against a liquor racket wreaking havoc with Indian prohibition policy.

Nearly 60,000 cases of whisky alone pass yearly from ships docking off the Pondicherry shore into neighbouring Madras Province, one of India's two major "dry" States, Madras Prohibition Officer R. S. Dadala said in an interview.

Gold smuggling has become so rife here in the face of recent Indian vigilance that smugglers are charging "transportation fees" as high as US\$3 per ounce. As a result, India's gold smuggling problem occurs not only in the colonial pockets at Pondicherry and Portuguese Goa, but also in the shape of frontal attempts on Indian territory proper.

Liquor, however, is another matter, partly at least because the black market demand reaches such an intense pitch in Madras.

Indian Government figures show an increase in gold seizures from 347,100 Rupees worth in the year ending March, 1951, to 925,786 Rupees in the following year, while liquor seizures for the same two periods remained static at about 9,000 cases.

Pondicherry is a customs official's nightmare mainly as a result of the zigzagged, 38-mile frontier with India running through swamps and thickets. Smugglers hire local peasants and villagers who know the jungle well enough to elude the 14 roving teams of customs men operating out of four headquarters on the main roads.

FOREIGNERS TOO

Customs searches have discovered everything from American fountain pens to gold coins, cards, and synthetic gems to fancy silks and bicycle parts.

Inspector C. J. Peris, veteran officer at the customs "chowkie" but on the main road from Pondicherry to Madras City, said in an interview that after the body, loin cloths ranked as the most common localities.

"You would be surprised to see how many fountain pens or wrist watches can be tucked in a native loin cloth, or hung from the waist shielded by extra folds of fabric," he said.

Peasants chewing betel nut must always be stopped to make certain they do not have a mouthful of gold or diamonds, he declared.

Once he added, villagers mournfully marching past in a funeral procession had a coffin-load of gold and synthetic stones.

Most of the smuggling supervision comes from Indians or French Indians who live in Pondicherry. But occasionally foreigners slip into Pondicherry and stay until they have set up their machinery.

In the final three months of 1952 a Dutchman, a Lebanese and a Frenchman were recorded in town gossip as the latest international operators on hand. —Associated Press.

India Awaiting Peking Reply

New Delhi, Mar. 2.

The Indian Minister for Food and Agriculture, Mr. Ashraf Kidwai, told the States Council (Foreign House) today that the Chinese Government had not yet agreed to send rice to India this year.

"We are pressing for a reply," he added.

Mr. Kidwai said that negotiations were taking place at Government level with Burma and China for the purchase of rice.

Last year China delivered 147,000 tons of rice to India, and Burma sent 375,000 tons. Rice was also obtained from Thailand (184,500 tons) and Faidan (13,700 tons).

In addition, India imported large quantities of rice from the United States, France, and the United Kingdom.

APPEAL TO REDS PROPOSED

United Nations, Mar. 2.

Ecuador's Vicent Trujillo proposed informally at this morning's session that the General Assembly appeal to the Chinese and North Korean Reds to reconsider their rejection of the Indian-sponsored compromise peace formula approved by the Assembly last Autumn.

Senator Trujillo said that he would consult with other delegations about the desirability of formally proposing an Assembly resolution expressing "fervent desire to achieve peace" and "once again appealing to the Chinese People's Republic and the North Korean authorities" to reconsider their blunt refusal to consider their blunder of the proposal approved by 54 votes to five last December.

New Zealand's Leslie Knox Munro charged that Russia had virtually forced Communist China last year to reject the Indian peace plan in order to "keep the reins of the situation in its own hands."

"The motive is obvious," he said. "The Chinese Communist Government has little to gain and much to lose from prolongation of the Korean war."

Mr. Munro said that although Chinese manpower was virtually unlimited, the war was a continuous drain on China which "cannot relish her position as an outcast from international society."

SEALING LOOPHOLE

He argued that when the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, announced last November the rejection of the Indian plan before Peking could do so itself, it was in order to "seal any last loophole that might have remained for negotiations with the Communist Chinese authorities on the basis of the Indian proposals."

Mr. Munro said that events seemed to have shown that Red China was one of the satellites who "carry umbrellas when it rains in Moscow."

He said that Soviet efforts to have the peace plan thrown out were also designed to divide the Assembly "by persuading some members that the principle of concession is desirable to bring peace to Korea."

Mr. Munro said that the United Nations must go on trying to convince China that its desire for peace is genuine. "On evidence is on the mainland of China," he said.

Mr. Munro was the last speaker in the morning session and the Committee then adjourned until 8 p.m. GMT today. —United Press.

No Limits On Export

Washington, Mar. 2.

The Office of International Trade announced today that there would be no limitations on exports of tin in the first half of this year as long as each shipment meets with the requirements of national security.

It said that United States tin supplies had improved sufficiently to permit the removal of quotas from exports.

It would still require licensing to prevent exports which might endanger the United States' defense effort.

It also announced that applications for export of steel, tinplate and certain other metals in July, August and September must be filed by March 31. —United Press.

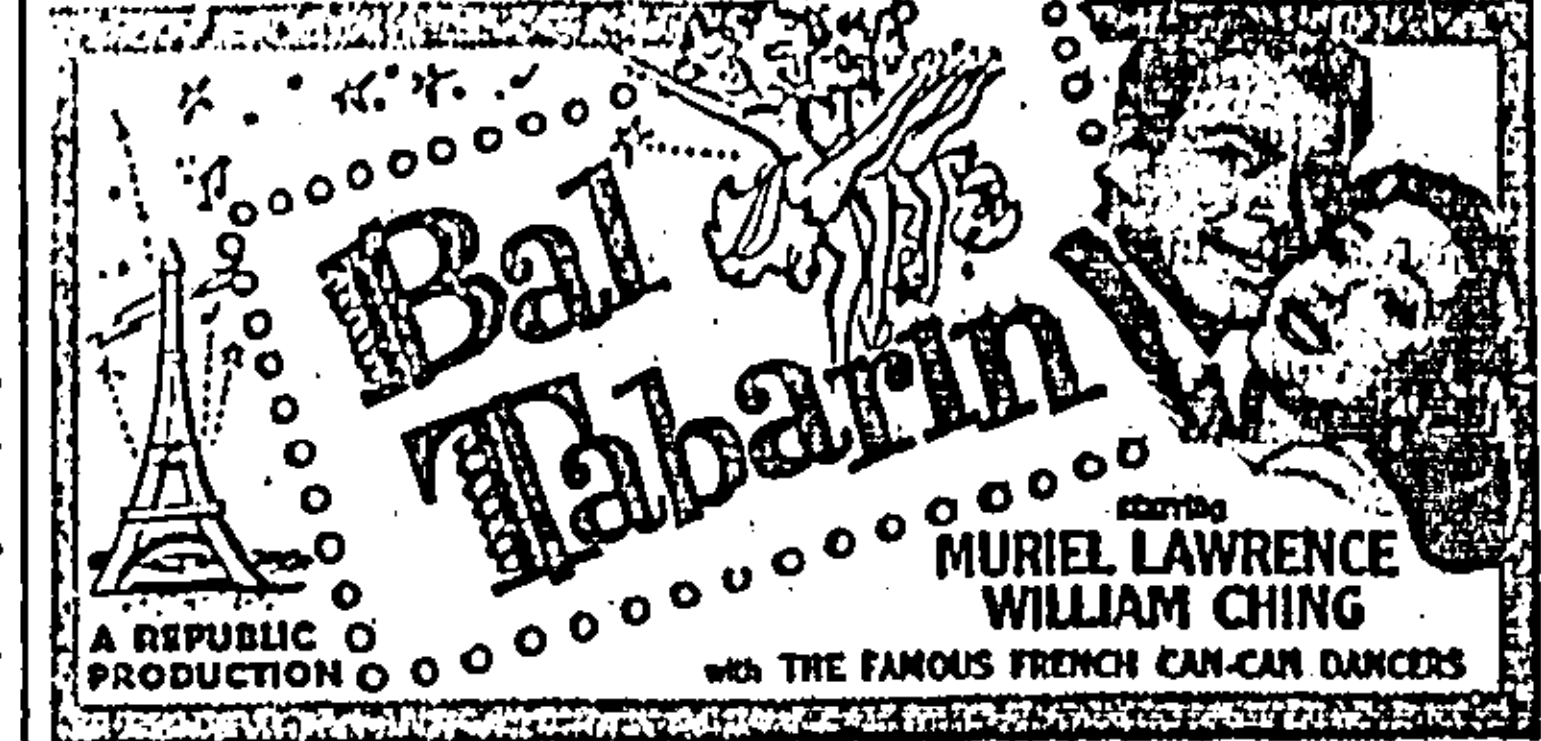
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Strangest Museum For Sale

(Bremen, Mar. 2.) One of West Germany's strangest museums, of prehistoric bones and pottery, is up for sale following the death of its owner. All its exhibits were found by one man in the River Weser.

A Bremen businessman, August Wulff, discovered pieces of broken pottery in the Weser during a Sunday afternoon walk 25 years ago.

The pieces were later identified as parts of old Germanic urns. Wulff became interested in prehistoric relics and spent almost every spare hour by the river, fishing out whatever he could find.

Together with rusty tin cans, discarded shoes and old pots, he found hundreds of prehistoric implements and human bones. Scientists estimated that some of the skeletons which he discovered were 20,000 years old. Wulff became one of the best-known amateur archaeologists in Germany, and opened a small museum in his home at Bremen.

Among the most valuable items in the collection was a 6,000-year-old skull of a "homo sapiens" whom local people jokingly called "Bremen's oldest citizen." Wulff died a few weeks ago. His will ordered that the museum be put up for sale.—Reuter.

Indo-American Friendship Stressed

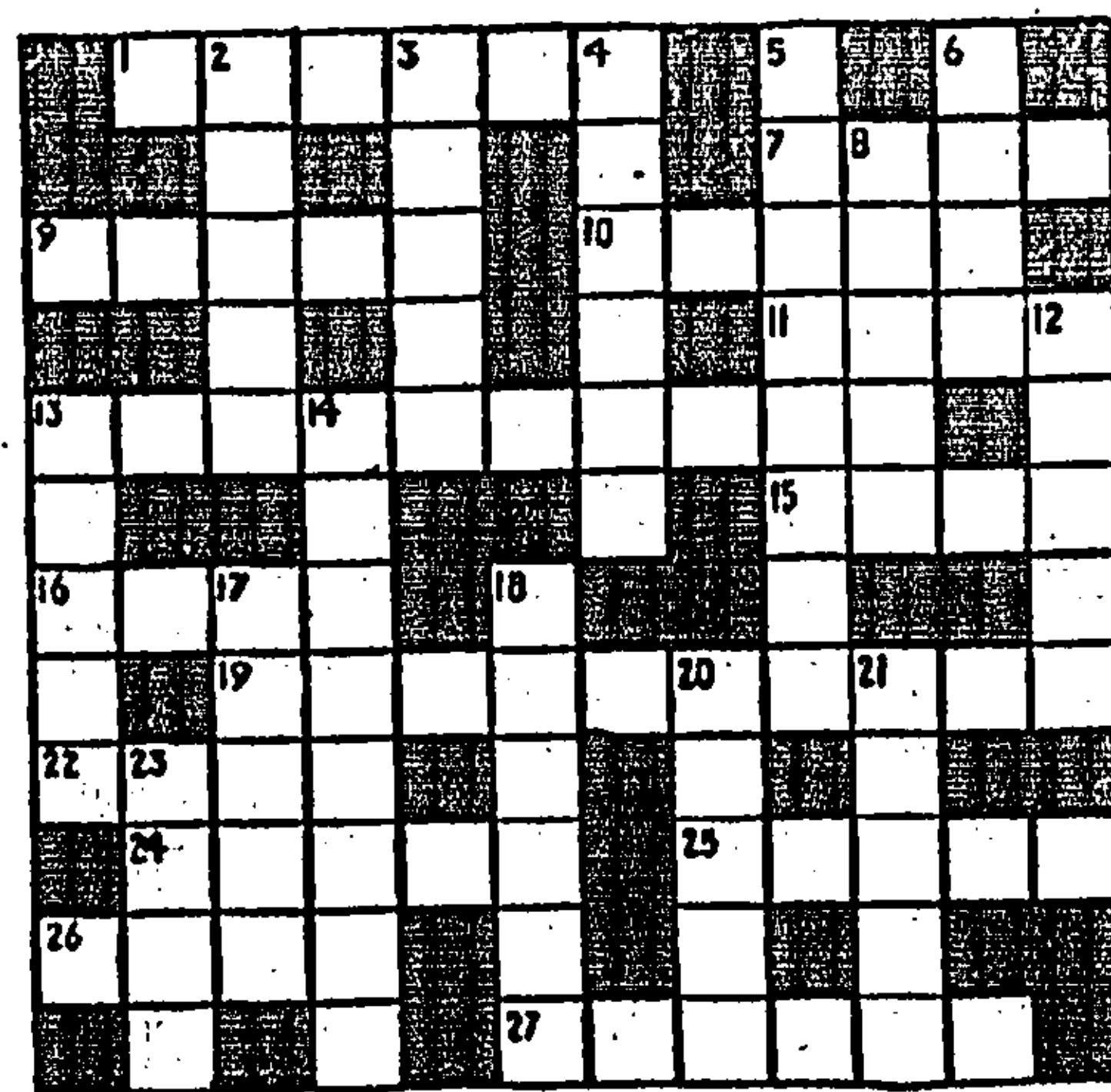
New Delhi, Mar. 2. The outgoing United States Ambassador to India, Mr. Chester Bowles, told the Press today, "India and America are the world's two greatest democracies with a total population of one-fourth of the world."

"In the past year or more our two great nations have grown greatly in knowledge, friendship and understanding of one another. The ties between us are already strong."

Mr. Bowles was sure these ties would grow constantly stronger in the future, concluding, "On such understanding, growing each year on a solid foundation of mutual respect, may well lie the world's best hope of peace."

Mr. Bowles, whose resignation has been accepted by President Eisenhower, will leave India on March 10. His successor, Mr. George Allen, will arrive at the beginning of April.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Fervidly (6).
 7. Old Ireland (4).
 9. Fraise (5).
 10. Check accounts (6).
 11. Poems (4).
 13. Get together again (10).
 15. Name (4).
 16. Ceremony (4).
 19. Fickle (10).
 22. Go ahead (4).
 24. Inert (6).
 25. Buried (6).
 26. Cleric (4).
 27. Special aptitude (6).
- DOWN**
2. Additional (5).
 3. Narrates (5).
 4. Demands as a right (6).
 5. Smelling strongly (6).
 6. Quote (4).
 8. Travels (5).
 12. Aroma (5).
 13. Rustic (6).
 14. Paying out (8).
 17. Diadem (5).
 18. Powerful (6).
 20. Upset (5).
 21. Once more (5).
 23. Female sheep (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Random, 4. Spill, 7. Turnip, 8. Solid, 10. Roman, 12. Repose, 15. Tidal, 16. Part, 17. Even, 19. Sled, 20. Desires, 21. Bull, 23. Decay, 24. Africa, 25. Prize, 26. Bright, Down: 1. Returned, 2. Narrates, 3. Omit, 5. Promoted, 6. Letter, 9. Belle, 11. Monitors, 12. Raised, 13. Saluting, 14. Stalwart, 18. Viceroy, 22. Afar.

Dulles Wants Regional Pacts For Defence

Washington, Mar. 2. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, declared today that regional defence pacts were the most practical means of arriving at international security.

Mr. Dulles was speaking at the Third National Conference of the American Association for the United Nations.

He was convinced that the United Nations would triumph in the end and he gave assurances that the Eisenhower Administration would do everything in its power to help reach that objective.—France-Press.

Denial By France

Paris, Mar. 2. The French Foreign Ministry today denied reports that following the recent Rome Conference the French Government had withdrawn the additional protocols to the European Defence Community Treaty or drawn up substitute proposals.

The Foreign Ministry said it wished to point out:—

(1) That there had never been any question of withdrawing the protocols or of changing their sense.

(2) In the eyes of the French Government these protocols, which interpreted and were complementary to the Treaty, which there never was any question of altering, remained a fundamental necessity.

(3) The Interim Committee of the EDC Treaty was still studying the protocols and its experts had continued working on them.—France-Press.

COAL SURVEY IN SHANSI

London, Mar. 2. China's State-owned Tung Mining Bureau has started to survey what is believed to be one of China's richest coalfields, in Shensi Province, North China, the Communist New China News Agency said today. The field covers about 8,750 square miles.—Reuter.

Drought Relief

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 2. Brazil is to spend 2,000,000,000 cruzeiros (about 240,000,000) on drought relief in her north-eastern States.—Reuter.

Reported Plan To Assure Partial Convertibility

Washington, Mar. 2.

Usually reliable sources said today that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, are expected to ask for a guarantee fund of at least \$500,000,000 to enable partial convertibility of Sterling. They will arrive here on Wednesday.

The sources understood that this was a secret decision taken at the Commonwealth conference in London last December.

It is also understood that this subject will have first priority in the coming talks between Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler and the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George Humphrey.

The sources said that Mr. Butler intends to make the greatest efforts to convince Mr. Humphrey that this guarantee fund would be vital to the success of partial convertibility.

Mr. Butler, the sources stressed, was convinced that Mr. Humphrey was a key Cabinet officer in the Eisenhower Administration and carried the greatest weight with the President.

They said that convertibility would apply especially to certain types of current trade transactions considered usual by the Commonwealth and also for interest and capital of new United States investments in the Commonwealth area.

Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler, on behalf of the Commonwealth, will ask for a five-year plan for stockpiling and pricing of raw materials such as rubber, tin, copper and the like.

The sources understood that the Commonwealth conference

U.S. TARIFF POLICY

Washington, Mar. 2. Leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee will confer soon to chart a course of action on foreign trade policy and Customs tariffs but the prospect of an early dramatic development is slight.

Every apparent procedure would require recommendations from the State Department as the tariff system is overlapped by the reciprocal trade agreements.

Outside of Congress there is widespread agitation for a more liberal trade policy to meet the Western European clamour for "trade not aid" but the majority of the 50 bills awaiting committee action are proposals for increases in tariffs or quantitative restrictions on imports.

The clamour for "protection" is the strongest from coal producers disturbed by increasing imports of residual fuel oil, the fisheries industry which is worried by Japanese competition, domestic wool-growers who would like to slow up the importation of semi-processed wools and metals producers in domestic areas where the costs of production are relatively high.

Aluminum producers would like to put crude bauxite on the free list. Some car manufacturers favour free entry for cars.

AMBIGUOUS

Under Congressional rules all proposals regarding foreign trade and tariffs are referred to the House Ways and Means Committee which is the chairman of Mr. Daniel A. Reed, Republican, with 14 other Republican and 10 Democratic members.

The Committee is one of the oldest and most powerful in Congress.

The Republican platform in 1952 gave the Committee wide latitude in dealing with foreign trade proposals. It favoured the expansion of mutually advantageous world trade and promised that efforts would be made to remove foreign discrimination against United States exports and declared: "Our reciprocal trade agreements will be entered into and maintained on the basis of true reciprocity and to safeguard our domestic enterprises and payrolls and our workers against unfair import competition."

This ambiguous declaration is being cited by advocates of both high and low tariffs.

The probable procedure of the Committee will be to give priority over other pending bills to the bill to extend the reciprocity trade Act's limited period.

Some influential Committee members think that a two-year extension from June 12, 1953, would be ample and would give the Eisenhower Administration time to formulate broad new policy if it desired.

If this view prevails it would leave international trade on approximately the present basis until the basic economic trends of the Eisenhower Administration are established.—United Press.

UNESCO LOOKS FOR NEW CHIEF

Paris, Mar. 2. UNESCO today set May 18 as the date of a special session in Paris to pick a Director-General to succeed Dr. James H. Dugan, who resigned last year over budget cuts.

Candidates for the post, which pays \$18,000 a year, with an \$8,000 expense account, will be studied by the 20-member Executive Committee headed by Britain's Sir Ronald Adam.

Only official candidate so far is Jacques Garrea, Professor at the University of Brussels.

Other possibilities for the post are believed to be Paulo de Geresdo Camello, Brazil's permanent delegate to the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organisation; Charles Malik, Lebanon's permanent delegate to the United Nations; Dr. C. Beby of New Zealand, Director of Education at UNESCO; and Franz Bender of the Netherlands, who may be put forward by the Scandinavian nations.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late U. S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has also been mentioned as a possible choice.

Dr. John W. Taylor of the U. S. is acting Director-General.—Associated Press.

Yoshida Sacks Ministers

Tokyo, Mar. 2. The Chief Cabinet Secretary, Taketora Ogata, tonight announced another dismissal of two Parliamentary Vice-Ministers (one for Agriculture-Forestry and the other Welfare) who allegedly sided with Kogen Hirokawa and "deliberately" stayed away from the vote on the Opposition's disciplinary motion against the Prime Minister.

The Chief Cabinet Secretary said Prime Minister Yoshida's dismissal of disident Liberal Cabinet member Kogen Hirokawa and two other officials was in accordance with the provisions of clause two, article 98 of the Constitution, which permits Ministers of State to serve at the pleasure of the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

Bearskins For Coronation



Benjamin Goodman, 85-year-old craftsman of Hackney, appears to be working on lobster pots but actually he is making the framework for the bearskins the Brigade of Guards will wear during their Coronation ceremonial duties. Mr. Goodman has seen four Coronations and has been employed by the same firm for 40 years.—Central Press Photo.

MALAYAN CAMPAIGN SLOWING

Singapore, Mar. 3. The tempo of the Malayan war has definitely slowed down judging from official figures for February, and observers believe that the Malayan Communists have "suffered a technical knock-out or are wrestling in a corner and groggy."

Only 96 contacts were registered in February, which was the quietest month in the emergency for a long time—one-fifth of the number reported in February, 1952.

The security forces and civilian casualties were lower than ever and the terrorist losses were also the lowest for more than two years.

The Communists eliminated in February totalled 107—55 killed, 36—surrendered, 15 wounded and one captured.

Only one member of the security forces was killed, three special constables and one soldier were wounded. Eight civilians were killed and two missing.

Official figures up to the end of February show that since the beginning of the emergency 3,012 Communist terrorists were killed. Against this, 1,155 regular and special constables were lost in action and 2,184 civilians murdered.—United Press.

Unanimous Vote

Washington, Mar. 2. The Senate today unanimously confirmed the nomination of Mr. Claire Boothe Luce to be Ambassador to Italy.—United Press.

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Far Eastern Balance Of Power Changing

Tokyo, Mar. 3.

A rapid, important, but little noticed change in the balance of power in the Far East has developed in the past 12 months.

South Korea has built up an army numerically greater than any other Far Eastern force outside China. It includes some of the finest fighting troops in the Korean War and is now holding three quarters of the 155-mile battlefield—and, it is still growing.

In Japan, small but firm foundations have been laid for an army, a navy and an air force. Their potentialities are great.

On Formosa, Chiang Kai-shek's army of Chinese Nationalists have been schooled in modern fighting methods by 700 United States officers.

Political observers here believe that President Eisenhower formed a plan for welding this growing power into an anti-Communist bloc during his visit to Korea in December. Visits to Japan by President Syngman Rhee, of Korea, and George Yeh, of the Foreign Minister, of Nationalist China in January suggested that the ground was being cleared for some such plan.

Reports from Korea indicated that the Philippines would also be included.

In Singapore, a joint military committee for South-East Asia is reported under way.

MAJOR SNAGS

If the local rivalries and antipathies of Far Eastern countries can be overcome—and it appears at present that they may—major difficulties will still have to be smoothed out.

There are just as many problems here as there were in Western Europe when the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was first mooted.

In Korea, an estimated 600,000 men are now in the forces, not including the numerous "service corps" battalions which fetch, carry and dig for fighting units in the front line. Several more divisions are likely to be added to the frontier which already make up the Korean army.

But military observers here doubt whether President Rhee's target of a million men under arms can ever be reached. This would be a crippling burden for a little country with only 22,000,000 population in all. It would mean the permanent removal of all the fittest young men from her farms, fishing boats and factories.

Already, press gangs are operating in some districts to provide the recruits demanded by the Korean Government. Another problem looms in Korea.

If the United Nations decide to withdraw American and European troops from the Korean front line and replace them entirely by Koreans, the Commander-in-Chief, in fact if not in name, will be President Syngman Rhee.

JAPANESE FEAR

And the President has repeatedly stated that he wants to drive all Communists out of his country by an offensive up to the Yalu River. If he should decide to strike north against the advice of United Nations commanders, his army, not yet equipped, trained or staffed for a war of movement, might get into difficulties.

In this case it is doubtful whether the United Nations would have any choice but to go to the Koreans' aid, and recommit themselves as much as if not more than, at present.

In Japan, with her big war potential both in the fighting troops and industry for arms production, rearmament has so far been slow.

Pacifism is strong here.

Many Japanese fear the revival of the military cliques

which led them to disaster in World War II. And most would agree with the Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, that economic recovery must come before large rearmament.

STRONG RELUCTANCE

But the Japanese Government is clearly preparing for bigger armed forces in the future. It recently agreed to accept 18 frigates and 50 large landing craft from the United States. A small nucleus of pilots from the last war are practising flying again.

There is strong reluctance on the part of Japan, however, to get involved in any overseas wars. Her part in the military line-up must be at present as the strengthening of her own islands as a bastion against aggression, the provision of bases for United Nations troops and the manufacture of arms and supplies for Korea and any other possible theatre of war.

In the case of Nationalist China, there is no expressed reluctance to engage in overseas offensives against the Chinese Communists. But Chiang Kai-shek's army has neither the actual fighting strength of the Korean Army nor the potential military power of Japan.

The Nationalist Army, said to be about 350,000 strong, is composed of veterans of the Chinese Civil War. Military observers here say that it could probably produce two well-trained but badly equipped divisions at short notice and four more within several months.

The Nationalists are backed neither by an effective army industry nor by a flow of young recruits.—Reuter.

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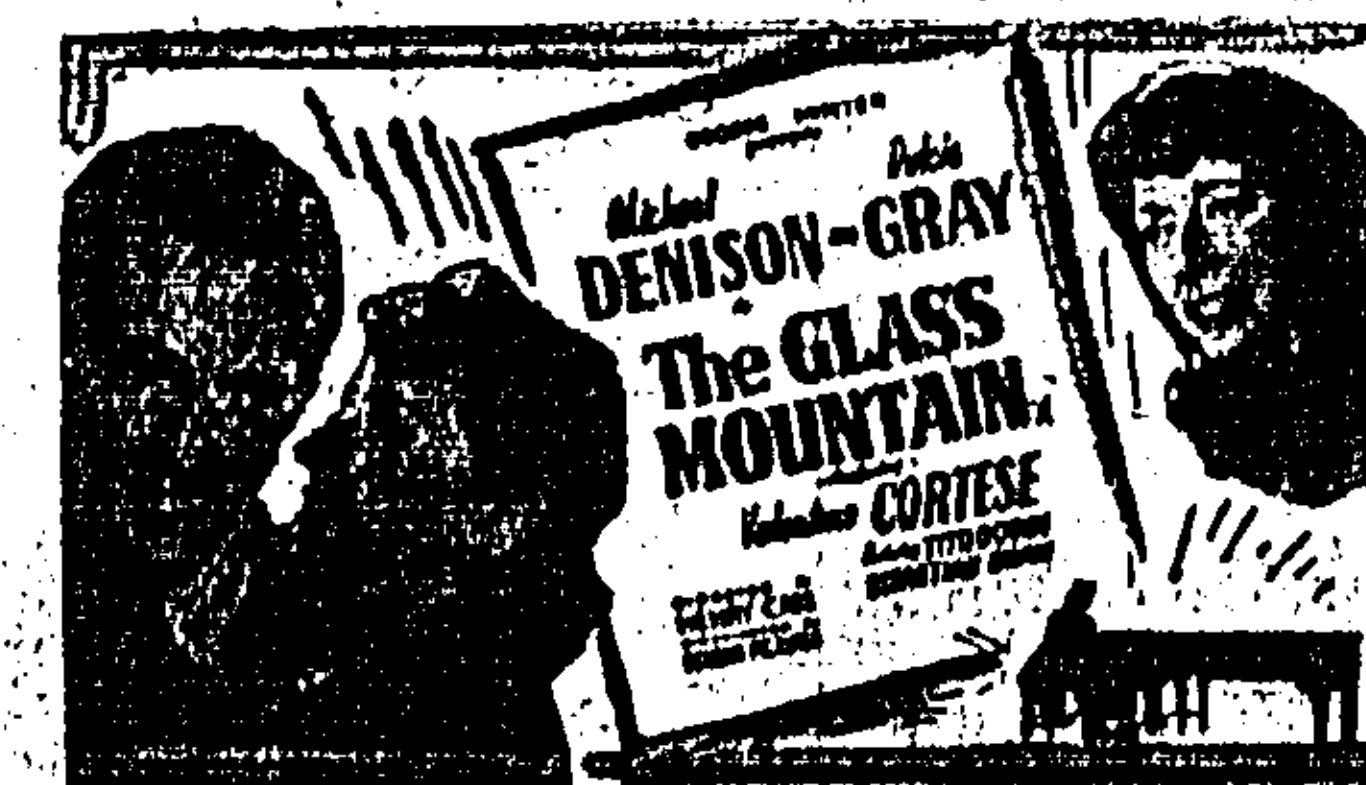
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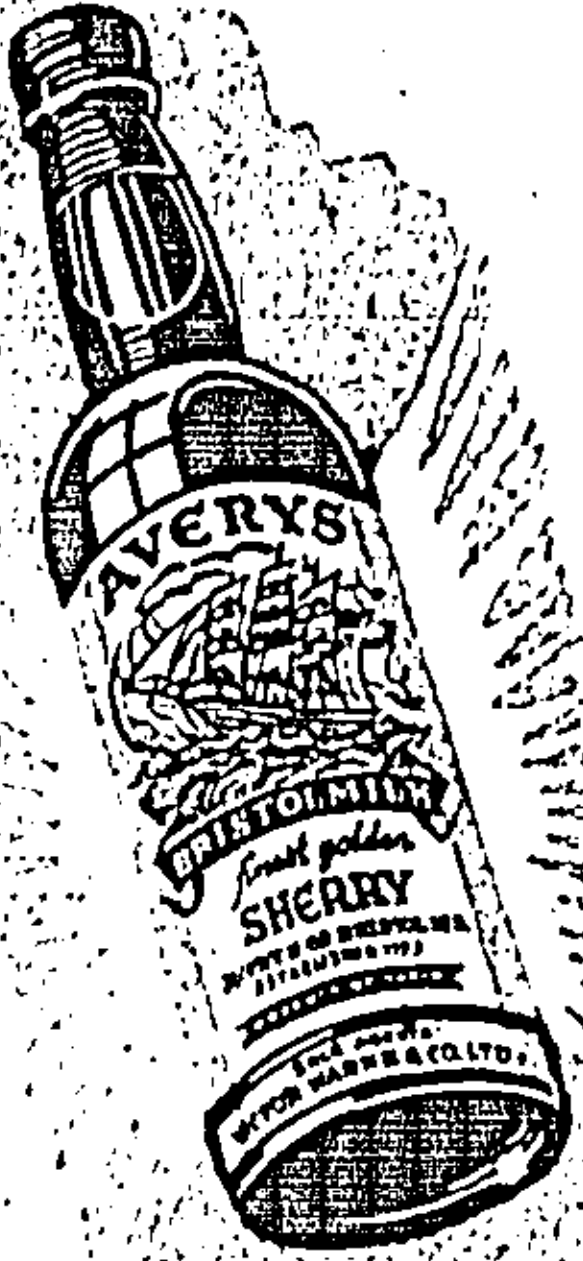
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INSIDE CHIANG'S ISLAND

But where are the 600,000 bayonets?

By CHARLES FOLEY

Foreign Editor of the
Daily Express (London)

Taipei. 9.30 a.m.: see the Foreign Minister. 11 a.m.: the Ministry of Defence. 12 noon: the Secretary-General. 3 p.m.: the Prime Minister.

Round and round we go, to report Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's campaign against Red China with his headline army of 600,000 men.

While awaiting assignment to some outpost within sight and sound of war, we fill in the time drinking glasses of green tea at every halt with a Minister or a warlord.

And this is what they tell us. "Here is a Red Island—we attack. The enemy reinforce—we attack again. The enemy reinforce. We attack once more. The enemy do not reinforce. Another victory for Free China."

We are told that Chiang's secret agents are everywhere in Red China. They report despair and chaos, the economy collapsing, hospitals filled with Korean wounded, hunger mounting. Communist rulers have butchered 14,000,000 people.

The army in Formosa is straining at the leash. Given a successful landing, the nation will come flocking to the Free China flag.

Island song

That is the song of the island. It warms hearts and opens purse-strings, especially when we are told not a single allied soldier will be wanted for the great liberation campaign which will end all our troubles in the East.

But what in fact is the fighting value of the army of 600,000 bayonets with which the Generalissimo proposes to reconquer Red China?

Anyone asking the question a fortnight ago would have been told "terrific"—especially by Major-General William Chase, head of the 700 American military men who are "making over" Chiang's army.

Across the square from my window in the Friends of China Club the flags of America and Free China float side by side.

Stop-watches in General Chase's Military Assistance and Advisory Group headquarters

In the vast red-brick presidential building must have been synchronised with Eisenhower's cull demeritising Formosa.

For at once a blaze of publicity lit up the military scene.

It was claimed that Chiang leads the mightiest army in Southeast Asia. It was alleged that he has ten front-line armies each of 50,000 men, with 50,000 sailors, 50,000 air force men, marines, commandos, and service troops in support.

Not only were all these chaps raring to go but some of them, it was stated, had already gone. Thirty islands right up against the mainland were claimed to have been captured. A complete division had been put ashore and stayed three days.

Meanwhile, the British were asking questions and Washington was passing them to Formosa for the answers.

A retreat

If, as had been so proudly claimed, there had been all those battles with the Reds, hundreds in a year, then where was the U.S. Seventh Fleet which Truman had sent to prevent Chiang breaking out?

What were the American military doing conniving at these violations of neutrality?

General Chase sounded the retreat—and Chiang's headline army vanished. The commando raids on the mainland and the pirates and partisans, fishermen and smugglers.

I spent some days trying to see the army. I was told, "Tomorrow there will be exercises." Then I was told, "It is the Chinese New Year."

One Minister in an office guarded by a jackbooted Chinese sentry confessed that the army was a little tired of throwing live grenades at each other to impress foreign visitors. One can sympathise with that.

Tomorrow:
An Army Grows Old.

SITUATION VACANT

From
Yorke Henderson

London.
WANTED: A tough guy. The pay is good. The climate is healthy. The job is not.

The would-be employer is Mr Stanley Gillinson, who owns a 7,000 acre farm near Thomson's Falls, in the heart of Kenya's Mau Mau country.

On leave in Dublin, he is using the opportunity to look for a security officer for his farm. The man for the job must be over 35 and be prepared to live dangerously.

Mr Gillinson warns applicants who think they might take the chance: "This job is dangerous."

He makes no secret of the fact that his nearest neighbours have been attacked by Mau Mau and that one man was killed and his wife severely wounded.

TROUBLE ZONE

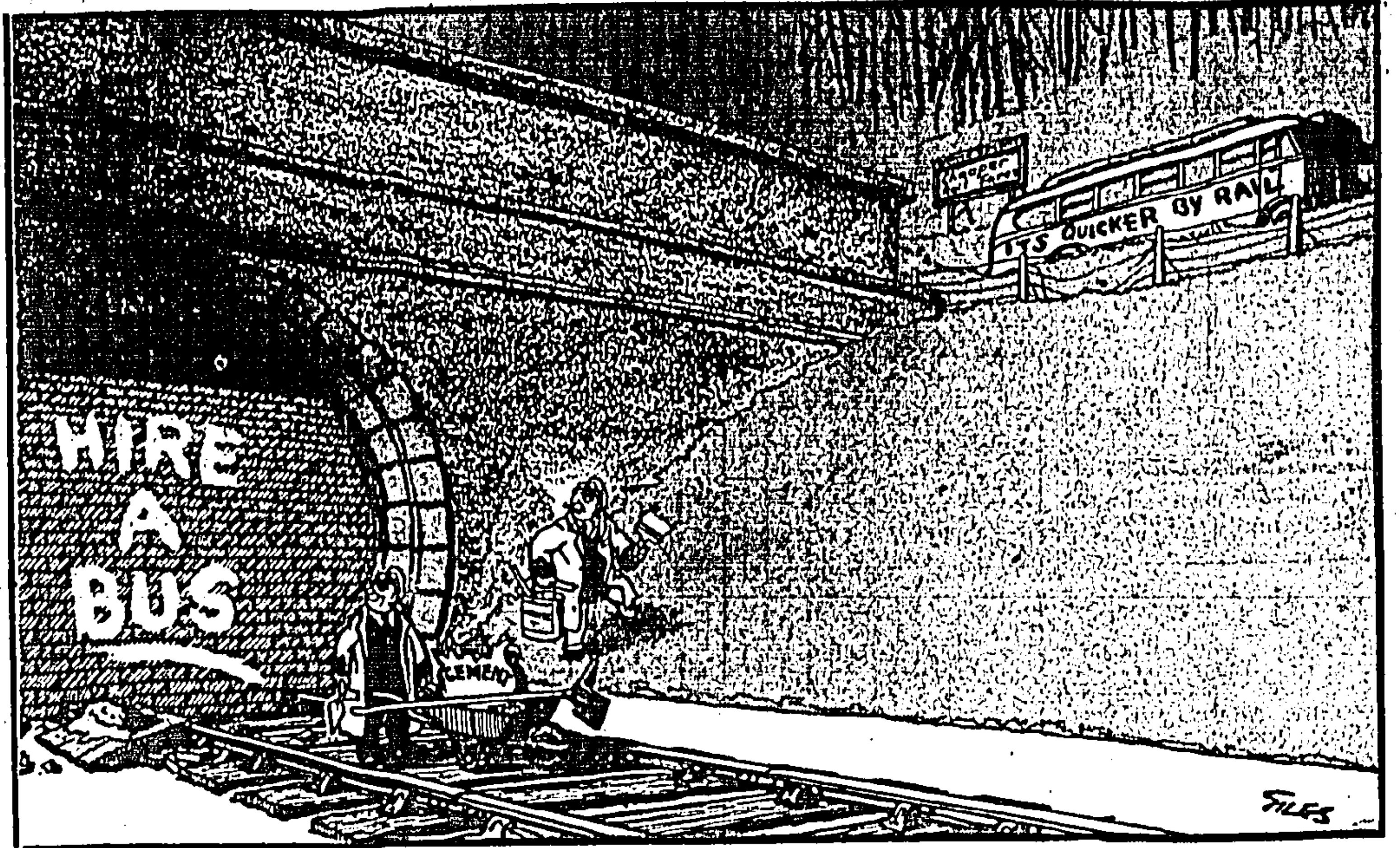
He adds: "The farm is in the middle of the trouble area. I don't want any applicants with illusions about the difficulties and dangers."

"I want a man who will be able to make sensible security arrangements, to lay trip wires and set up a sound system of alarms. That is why I want a man over 35."

How dangerous is the job really? Says Mr Gillinson: "The farm is bounded at some distance by scrub in which it is known a large number of Kikuyus are hiding. They are now using rifles and other stolen arms to a much greater extent."

Despite the warnings over 100 men have applied for the job. Moving to the island will be a bit of spice with their living.

Some of the applicants are straight from the pages of P.C. Wren. A former Spanish Foreign Legionary, an ex-detaché of the Irish Civil Guard, a professional soldier who has been seen in Africa and at least one white hunter.



"That'll teach 'em to write slogans on our coaches."

London Express Service

A Buckingham Palace Investiture

The Magic Power Of A Piece Of Pasteboard

By BRETT OLIVER

London.
IT'S amazing what a small square of pasteboard can do—provided it is the right colour and has the right words printed on it. Just an ordinary colour, like pink, and just a few words in black type. That's all there was to the particular square of pasteboard resting in the tobacco dust of my pocket. But it worked—like a charm.

the order of investiture—highest awards first and groups receiving the same decoration, alphabetically.

It was not hard to imagine the last checking-over of uniforms, the adjustment of a Sam Browne belt, the last flick at an immaculate morning suit, the last fussing over the set of feminine headgear.

GLITTERING

I carried it in a taxi from Fleet Street along the Strand and down. The Mall to Buckingham Palace. The Palace, rising loftily out of the morning mist, looked impregnable. So did the tall iron railings, the tall shaggy-topped Grenadier Guardsmen and the tall helmeted policemen.

Yes, impregnable. With-out—that—pasteboard. It was all too simple. The cabbie, apparently, had done this before. He drove straight up to the front gate, past the pavement crowd, and pulled up with the nose of the old bus jutting into the courtyard. Cool as you like.

I addressed myself to a nose jutting in through the window. It belonged to a large policeman. "I've come for the investiture," I said, forgetting the pasteboard. "Card please." Gruff. But polite. "Er... yes." And it was done. A glance, a nod, a wave on.

INSIDE

MY chariot—a taxi is too unromantic—rolled across the courtyard, up to the face of the Palace. Unloaded, I walked through an archway, across an unsuspected inner courtyard and on to the deep red carpet of the front steps.

A commissioner, representative. The card again. A nod and a direction up a wide staircase into what is called the East Gallery. It is filled with oil paintings and incredibly white statuettes of incredibly pure-looking women.

Through to the room where investitures are held. Normal working days it is a State ballroom. Today, the smooth parquet floor was dotted with plain, red satin-covered chairs. And on them sat the mothers, wives, families of those whom the Queen was to honour. Their talk was subdued. They waited.

Downstairs in another hall their honoured ones were being marshalled into

in belts round their ample waists.

They were members of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard—Beefeaters. They stood motionless in their scarlet tunics, scarlet stockings with frilly garters at the knee, buckles shoes, white ruffs and squat black hats.

In another ten minutes, the leading section of the long file of men and women to be decorated appeared from the East Gallery, crossed the back of the ballroom, disappeared into an anteroom and reappeared at the door on the right of the dais. There, it was brought up sharp by a morning-suited gentleman holding an investiture list. It was his job to make sure that the right person received the right decoration.

At 11 o'clock sharp, the Queen and her attendants walked in and took their places on the dais. The string orchestra swept through the National Anthem and the Queen, in a clear, pure voice, requested: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please be seated."

With her on the dais were her Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Scarborough, two aides-de-camp, two Royal Artillery officers at the table of decorations and three attendants.

CEREMONY

THERE was no delay. The Lord Chamberlain, standing to one side and a little behind the Queen, read immediately from his list and the investiture had started.

"The George Cross—to be decorated. Sergeant Frederick Fairfax, Metropolitan Police." Then he read the citation, telling how Fairfax had repeatedly risked his life on a Croydon rooftop while trying to arrest the two youths later convicted for the murder of one of Fairfax's colleagues.

As the Lord Chamberlain spoke, Fairfax left the head of the file and stepped forward three paces till he was abreast of a Household officer standing at the corner of the dais.

Then as the Lord Chamberlain finished speaking, Fairfax stepped briskly along the carpet to the centre of the dais, turned left, bowed deeply to the Queen and stepped up to the dais. At the same time, the Queen took one step forward, holding the George Cross which she had taken from a plush cushion held by one of the Royal Artillery officers. Solemnly, she hung the medal on Fairfax's tunic, then relaxed and began talking with him.

I discovered later that the Queen asked him about his police service and, after inquiring about his wounded shoulder, asked if he knew what type of men he and his fellow-officers were going out to arrest on the night of the rooftop shooting.

KNIGHTED

THE Queen talked with the man with easy ease, smiling and interested. Then she shook hands with him, he stepped back to the runner carpet, bowed again, turned and walked out.

As soon as he had turned, the Lord Chamberlain summoned the next, a tall Royal Navy officer to be knighted. As he spoke, one of the attendants

placed a red plush stool, with a handrail on one side, on the floor before the Queen. The officer followed the same procedure as Fairfax, but knelt his right knee on the stool and bowed his head. The Queen had been handed a sword by another attendant and with it she touched the officer, first on the right shoulder, then the left. He rose, a knight, spoke with the Queen, shook hands and retired. It was all over in perhaps 20 seconds.

And so it continued. The ringing voice of the Lord Chamberlain, the bows, the presentation of the decoration, sometimes a few words, always a handshake and the respectful retreat from the Queen's presence.

PRECISION

THERE was a machine-like precision about the whole occasion, but this did nothing to detract from its dignity. It was simple but attractive.

If the speed with which the investitures were made was a little surprising, it was because the Queen could not be expected to linger—there—were almost three hundred people personally to receive her recognition. She did not speak to everyone but she had a smile and a warm handshake for all.

Unless the Queen had a few words to say, an average of about ten seconds elapsed between each call from the Lord Chamberlain.

I noticed a definite inclination on the part of the Queen to chat with women, especially those in the Services, and with men of the Services, particularly of the Royal Navy.

The procedure for the women being decorated hardly differed from that for the men. Instead of bowing, they curtsied. And they wore hats, while the men were bareheaded. Some of the women, nervous, confused their curtsies, putting their left foot behind their right instead of right behind left. But several of the men forgot themselves too. Two or three omitted to bow as they retired and a couple turned on their heels directly before the Queen and hurried off as though the occasion was too much for them.

POISED

AN hour passed and still the long file moved forward, halted, moved forward again. The Queen remained as poised as ever. In the background hovered the pleasant melodies of the orchestra. On the dais, the Yeomen stood motionless, and on the table the medals and decorations dwindled.

Eventually, after an hour and twenty-five minutes, the last to be invested bowed and left the room. At once, the orchestra began the Anthem, everyone rose and the ceremony was over. The Queen stepped from the dais and moved out of the ballroom, acknowledging the curtsies of women in the audience as she passed.

In another ten minutes, the State ballroom was empty, and newly-decorated husbands and fathers were finding their kin in the halls and courtyard downstairs. I walked out the way I had come, out through the front gate with the policemen there, and out past the crowds on the pavement. I wondered what those people would have given to have had the little square of pasteboard.



"Let's see, now. Dinner was \$12.50—your half is \$6.25; taxi was \$2.20 and half of that is \$1.10 . . ."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

GEORGE GRAVES used to say that his grandfather was the first man to blast holes in Gravenhurst.

"It was only his joke," as the woman said to her friend when he told her that. But the chimney, dressed as a French general on her birthday, flared and roared in the street. They are made, by a secret recipe, while the cheese is maturing, and placed in it at the critical moment of hole-adjusting with blunt wooden frames. The frames are removed as soon as the hole is in position, and the face that looks out from the tiny round window belongs to a mite.

The triumph of Suet (X1)

SUET was to be at the Ministry of the Interior at 10 a.m. He would fly home that afternoon. With his usual calm, he put the documents in his briefcase, brushed his hat, and emerged from his bedroom. He was surprised to find a crowd of people waiting for him. "I will accompany you," he said. "It is such a fine day." The streets were crowded with people. A herd of sheep, goats, and cattle were being driven through the city. The people were looking at the animals with interest. The animals were looking at the people with curiosity. The scene was a strange one. The people were dressed in modern clothes, but the animals were dressed in traditional clothes. The scene was a strange one. The people were dressed in modern clothes, but the animals were dressed in traditional clothes.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

BORN today, you are essentially the idealist and desire to get the very best out of life. You are a life, especially in music and the arts, you are not content with a second best. You will not compromise. You are willing to wait a long time for what you really want. But once you see it, you reach out quickly and get it. You are a little, but when the time comes, you act very fast, indeed.

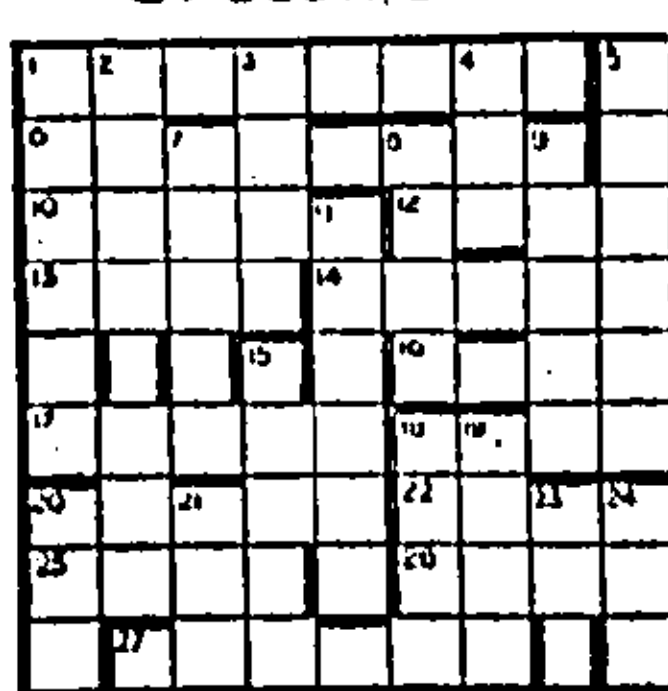
You have a pleasing personality but you are not one to thrust yourself into a situation. You appear timid among strangers, but once you get to know people, you are quite a different person—kind, charming, with a surprising facility for entertaining others. You have strong likes and dislikes, but do not always show it. You are not one to first show, usually become friends for life.

Those of you of the fair sex are apt to be moody and often get depressed. This is probably due to your desire for perfection. You are a perfectionist and too much introspection. Get out of routine and become interested in other things. You will have little time left to brood over your own mishaps, real or imaginary. You are a devoted partner. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

DISCER (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If your budget is showing signs of breaking out at the seams, re-study it and patch it up again. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Heard someone who has been helpful to you during past crises. Show your appreciation. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Start a new job in the right way.

Crossword



- Across
- Taken together a stern rap. (8)
 - Where so many people look for help. (6)
 - The hour for food. (6)
 - Each a drop may drift or take root. (4)
 - Heard in some beds? (4)
 - Do those who live in isolation could hear. (5)
 - Give way. (4)
 - These are the words of him. (4)
 - Movable house possession. (5)
 - The morning I'd found the maid disturbed. (4)
 - How you may feel. (4)
 - Gap that belongs to me. (4)
 - One way to run. (5)

- Down
- Mean way for your friend to make the attempt. (6)
 - Like the eagle's look. (8)
 - Does the eagle look for it in a tool box. (4)
 - Crickets scurry. (4)
 - Let's turn to solids? (6)
 - Of all relations he takes the most interest. (4)
 - Lies in the water. (4)
 - Little beast you can make the doctor use. (4)
 - The land he held on to? (6)
 - David's stone thrower. (6)
 - Some time back. (4)
 - Enclosure. (4)
 - Exist in this area. (4)
 - Thinking to produce colouring matter. (4)
 - This mark is Scandinavian. (3)

(Solutions on Page 10)

JACOB Y CN BRIDGE

Don't Teach Novice
All Bridge Tricks

NORTH			
♠ Q10			
♥ Q54			
♦ K703			
♣ A74			
WEST			
♠ 10632			
♥ 1063			
♦ J8			
♣ QJ98			
EAST			
♠ K07			
♥ K072			
♦ Q1094			
♣ 53			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A56			
♥ A52			
♦ K1062			
♣ North-South vul.			
South West North East			
INT Pass 3NT Pass			
Pass Pass			
Opening lead—♠ Q			

By OSWALD JACOB Y

THE ideal book on bridge for beginners shouldn't make the mistake of teaching them all the tricks. Maybe that's why my friend and associate, Freddie Sheinwald, keeps things simple and light in his brand new "First Book of Bridge," written for teenage boys and girls.

In today's hand, the spade and heart suits are taken on his book. He points out that South can make two spade tricks by leading the queen of spades from dummy and letting it ride for a finesse.

If East makes the mistake of covering the queen of spades with the four spade wins with the ace and then returns a spade to finesse South's line. This gives South three spade tricks instead of only two.

East should play low on the first spade, allowing dummy's queen to win the trick. If East then continues by leading the jack of spades, East correctly plays the king. This limits South to two spade tricks.

The situation is just the reverse in hearts. Declarer leads the queen of hearts from dummy, and this time East must play his king. This limits South to two heart tricks. If East failed to cover, the queen of hearts would win and declarer could then continue by finessing the jack of hearts.

Sheinwald explains all of this in the simplest language, but he doesn't tell the full story of what happened when today's hand was played. West led the queen of clubs and Sheinwald, who was playing the South hand, saw at a glance that he might be limited to two tricks in each suit if he simply played "according to the book."

To avoid this fate, he played a low club from dummy and dropped the six of clubs from his own hand. This false card made it appear that East held the deuce of clubs and that the three of clubs was the beginning of an encouraging signal.

West fell for the swindle by leading the eight of clubs, thus giving declarer three club tricks. This was enough to assure the contract.

GARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart 1 Spade Pass
2 Clubs Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-2, Hearts 3-2, Diamonds A-Q-4, Clubs K-J-8. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have a well-distributed 15 points in high cards and this bid offers your partner his choice between game in spades and game in no-trump.

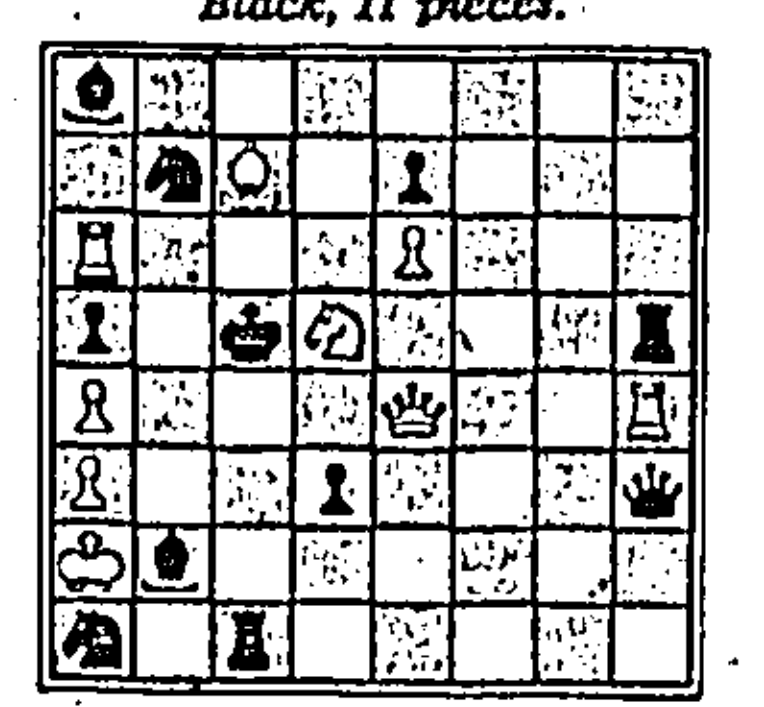
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-2, Hearts K-8-4, Diamonds K-8-5-3, Clubs K-J-8. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. SANDIN
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-Q5. 1... P-B6; 2. B-K3; 1... Kt any; 2. Kt-B3 (ch); 1... K-B7; 2. QxP (ch).

DUMB-BELLS

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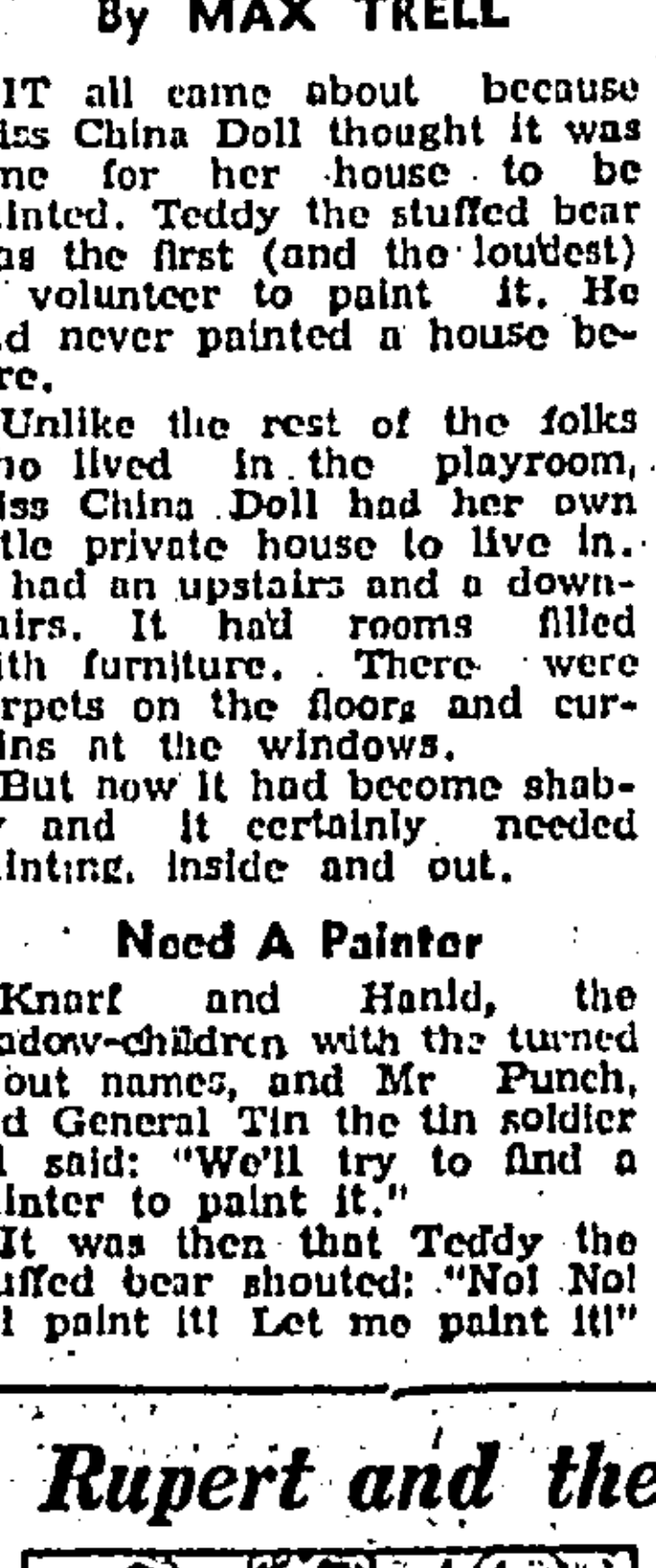
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When the sun DOES shine...



London Express Service

Verse Has A Medicinal Value

Hartford, Conn.—Mrs. Mary Barrett is a special duty nurse who believes that verse has a medicinal value. That's why she's likely to greet a patient thus:

"Even though my hair ain't curly, I must get O'Hurley up early."

The O'Hurley in this case is one of her patients. That's the way she greets all of the folks under her care—by reciting a "personal" poem of her own.

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Attempts On Seven Colony Athletic Records At Pokfulam On Sunday

The Hongkong University Athletic Club and the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club are inviting outstanding athletes now in the Colony to take part in seven events in which there is a possibility of the Hongkong record being broken.

The invitational events will supplement a programme that includes a nine-event three-to-score match between the two clubs. The meeting starts at the University ground at Pokfulam at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

The seven invitational events are the 100 Yards Dash, One Mile Run, 120 Yards High Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus Throw and Girls Long Jump.

The inter-club match will be contested over 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, the High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw and Javelin.

The scoring will be on the 5-3-1 basis for the first three places.

As the University is particularly strong in the field events, the HKAAAC hopes that all its best jumpers and throwers will turn out for the meeting.

INVITATIONAL LINE-UP

The following are invited for the invitational events:

100 Yards—Stephen Xavier and Eddie Loureiro (La Salle College & HKAAAC), Wong Man-wan and Chung Yui-hung

(South China Athletic Association), B. P. Dhabar (HKUAC), Gnr. Kirk (RA), Pte. Crane (Dorset Regiment), Lee Wing-kei (La Salle College & SCAA).

One Mile—Li M.N.S. McCord (Royal Ulster Rifles), Signm. Michael Curzon (H.K. Signal Regt. & HKAAAC), Gnr. Derek Coburn (45 Field Regt., RA), L/Cpl. Ralph Hatcher (Royal Engineers), LAC Hickling (RAF), Lt. Maughan (45 Field, Regt. RA), Benson (Army) and 2/Lt. Bowen (27 LAA Regt.).

120 Yards High Hurdles—Lt. J. O. Cave (Royal Ulster Rifles), Lt. R. A. F. Reep (Dorset Regiment), Victor Lok (HKUAC), Chang Yui-hung (SCAA), F/Lt. G.W.F. Charles (RAF) and J. Hellman (HKAAAC).

High Jump—Victor Lok (HKUAC), Gnr. George 2/Lt. Bowen (27 LAA Regt.).

Field Regt., RA), L/Bdr. Darling (27 LAA Regt.), Lt. Blight, Lt. D.B. Edwards and Cpl. Baddy (Dorset Regiment), George Thumb (La Salle College), Ling Sum and Yam Wai-ling (SCAA).

Long Jump—To King-chau (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai and B. P. Dhabar (HKUAC), Sgt. R. J. Hesling (Royal Army Service Corps), George Saunders (HKAAAC), George Thumb (La Salle College), 2/Lt. Shenton (27 Field Regt., RA), and Signm. Alan Pendall (Royal Corps of Signals).

Ladies' Long Jump—Rita Hall, Deborah Hurlbutt, Jennifer Hart and Hilary Hale (all King George V School & HKAAAC), Fong Sak (Pui To Girls' School).

Discus Throw—Chan Wai-chuen (SCAA), L/Bdr. Joseph Pawlowski (27 HAA Regiment), Lt. J. B. Lambert (45 Field Regt., RA), Cpl. Baddy (Dorset Regiment), R. Helmyer (HKUAC), Sgt. N. R. Hughes (Welch Regiment), LAC Davidson (RAF), Lt. Barry (Royal Ulster Rifles), D. S. Fraser and Wai Kee-yul (HKUAC).

Six tries will be allowed in the Men's and Ladies' Long Jump and in the Discus Throw.

HKAAAC TEAM

The following will represent the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club in the match against the Hongkong University Athletic Club:

100 Yards—Roy Spencer, W. L. McCall, J. Hellman; 220 Yards—Roy Spencer, Michael Wilcox, Roger Swabey; 440 Yards—Michael Wilcox, J. C. Royce, W. L. McCall; 880 Yards—A. Rumbelow, Frank Waller, Michael Curzon, Neville Lee; High Jump—J. C. Royce, A. Collinge, J. Heywood, A. Long; Long Jump—George Saunders, Stephen Xavier, W. L. McCall; Shot Put—George Saunders, Ian Fraser, D. H. Knox; Discus Throw—Ian Fraser, A. Rumbelow, George Saunders; Javelin Throw—Marcus Souza, Ian Fraser, J. Heywood, A. Rumbelow.

Competitors are asked to be at Pokfulam by 2.15 p.m. on Sunday. The Inter-Club 100 Yards and Shot Put and the Invitational Discus Throw events will be started before 3 p.m., followed by the Inter-Club 880 Yards and High Jump and the Invitational Long Jump and 100 Yards before 4 p.m.

Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are Home soccer fixtures for Saturday, March 7:

Division I	Division II
Arsenal v. Liverpool	Leeds v. Fulham
Blackpool v. Tottenham	Wolves v. Grimsby
Cardiff v. Newcastle	Sheff. Wed. v. Charlton
Charlton v. Burnley	Sheff. Wed. v. Charlton
Chelsea v. Burnley	Sheff. Wed. v. Charlton
Derby v. Preston N.E.	Sheff. Wed. v. Charlton
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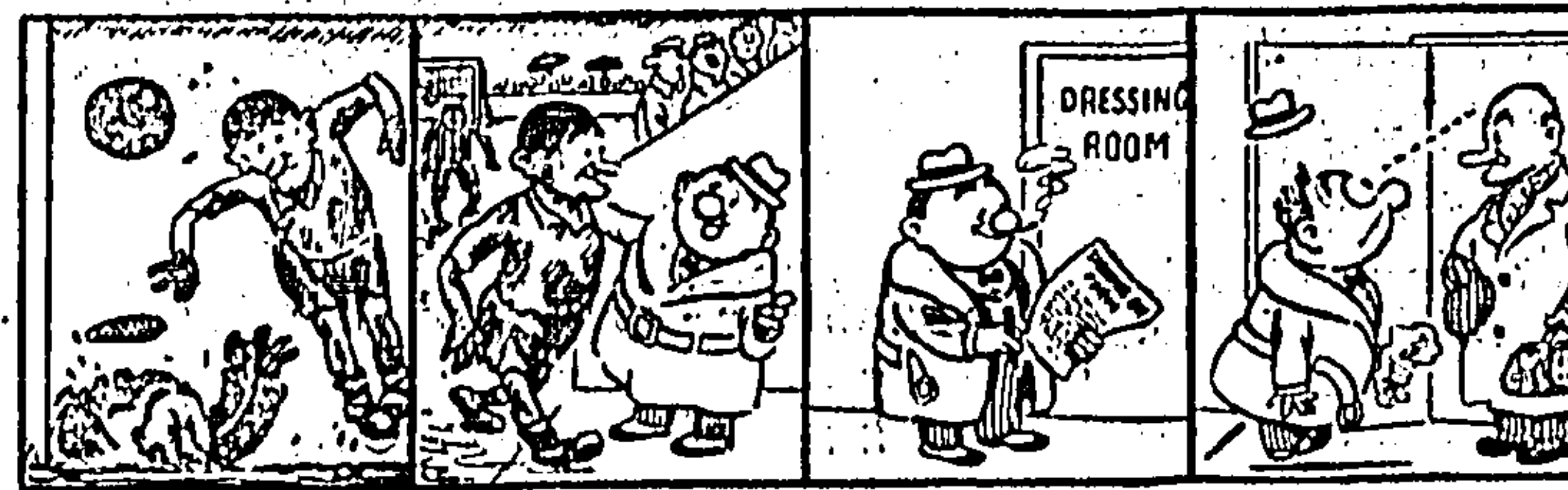
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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



MRS DOOLEY IS CERTAIN:

THE PUBLIC WILL HEAR AGAIN OF DEREK DOOLEY

My Derek may have finished his career as a centre-forward—but that's not the last the public will hear of him, because he'll make good at anything else he tackles.

Somewhat he's just made that way.

In all the worry I've had since his leg was amputated I've been sure of that.

Now that the worst of the worry is over, I really feel that I'm lucky. If Derek had lost his leg in a factory accident or down a mine we should have to shoulder all the trouble ourselves. But because he's a Soccer star there's been so much help and kindness, and I wish I could thank everybody personally.

Flowers! We had so many after the news that Derek had lost a leg that the hospital ran out of vases. And presents! I wish you could see the basket of fruit and sweets that has just arrived from Joe Marston, the Preston North End centre half.

And then there is the dressing-gown in Derek's team colours—Sheffield Wednesday's blue and white. That is from the girls at the wholesale clothiers in Sheffield where I used to work until this happened.

There have been more letters than we can answer—119 by one morning's post alone. I wish particularly that I could thank

Mr Jack Coulton, the pools winner who has given us £2,000.

But so far all we can do is to write a letter to him.

NEVER COMPLAINED

The doctors and nurses at Preston Royal Infirmary couldn't have done more for my husband. After Derek's accident on Preston North End's ground they even fixed up a bed for me in the private ward in those days early last week when Derek was "critically ill" and "seriously ill," as the bulletins said. But I couldn't sleep. They were feeding Derek with glucose from a drip-feed, and somehow I got it into my head that I mustn't sleep in case the drip stopped. The least I could do for him was to stay awake and watch that...

Yes, it has helped to have so much kindness. It helps to make me think: "After all, it could have been worse..." I feel that Derek must get better with all the good wishes he has received.

And Derek himself has been wonderful. He has never complained and never shed a tear. The only time he came near to tears was when we received news from the hotel in Douglas where we spent our honeymoon last June. We had written to ask if we could stay there again this year.

They didn't follow football at that hotel until Derek stayed there. Now they're "Wednesday" fans.

Our romance? I first met Derek six years ago. I had just left school. I was 15 and he was 17. We just happened to be one of the same crowd of boys and girls in Sheffield. He started taking me to the pictures.

I was already a Sheffield Wednesday fan, and it was just luck that he played for the same club. He was in the "A" team then.

'LIVES' FOOTBALL

We went about together for about four months and then Derek was called up for the RAF. And that's the way it was—a boy and girl friendship that lasted and blossomed into marriage. I wrote to him every day during his two years in the RAF.

Since then I think I've seen every match, both home and away, in which Derek has played for Sheffield Wednesday. We have always discussed the game afterwards and I used to "tick him off" if I thought he had made any mistakes on the field. I used to say I was luckier than the other fans; I could tell him what I thought even if he is six foot three!

I remember when Derek first played for the first team. That was against Preston, too. So his career in first-class football started and ended there.

When I first learned that, by a million to one chance, Derek was to lose his leg I didn't think of Derek Dooley, Sheffield Wednesday centre-forward. I just thought of "My Derek." But, of course I am sorry that the career which thrilled us both has ended so suddenly.

If an accident on a sports field had to end this way, I guess it had to happen to Derek. If

there's any trouble around, he seems to get into it. He's the only man I know who has put his fist through a window when running past it! That happened in the RAF.

And at home in Sheffield, where we live with his mother and dad (who are here with him in Preston), if there's anything lost, or anything goes wrong, we look at each other and say "It'll be Derek."

Derek just sleeps and eats football. He keeps a football at home and on Sundays, even after a big match, he used to kick it around the yard. Even now, in hospital, he's still talking football.

HIS OLD JOB

So you see I think Derek will still want to have something to do with the game if possible, though by trade he's a hearing-aid mechanic and his firm have generously written to say his job is waiting for him if he wants it.

We haven't got around to discussing the future yet, but Derek has been kidding me; he says he's kept me all our married life (the whole eight months!) and now I shall have to keep him for the rest of his life!

I would do, of course, but I know it won't be necessary. I know that even if Derek has finished playing football he will make good.

Hongkong Loses Table Tennis "Test" Match

Bangalore, Mar. 2. India beat Hongkong in the first table tennis "Test" here yesterday by three matches to two.

The Indians won two singles and the doubles.

Sih Su-chu (Hongkong) beat K. Nagara (India) 17-21, 21-12, 21-12 and 21-10; beat K. Jayant 23-21, 13-21, 21-12 and 21-10.

Nagara beat Chung Ching-sing (Hongkong) 19-21, 18-21, 21-12, 21-14 and 21-14.

Jayant beat Chung 21-15, 21-15 and 22-20.

In the doubles, Chung and Nagara beat Jayant and Sih 21-10, 6-21, 21-15 and 22-20.

The Asian Champion, Sih Su-chu dominated the matches, thrilling the crowd with his powerful forehand smash. Varying the pace of his drives, he made the hard hitting Jayant do all the chasing in their singles match. Jayant retaliated at times with brilliant backhand winners. Both were aggressive, but Sih was the more accurate and steadier under pressure.

Chung showed good form in his first match with Jayant. Though playing mostly on the defensive, he gave Jayant a tough battle for 50 minutes after losing the first two games easily.

Chung appeared tired in his match with Nagara.—Reuter.

Hongkong Soccer Team Invited To Tour Australia

An invitation has been received by the Hongkong Football Association from the Australian Football Association to send a team to Australia in June and July.

The Australian invitation was contained in a letter which was read at a meeting of the Interport Subcommittee of the Hongkong Football Association held yesterday, with Mr C. S. Wang presiding.

The Australian Football Association said that they were prepared to offer Hongkong 65 per cent of the net gate receipts, but Hongkong would have to pay passages to Australia and back as well as board and lodging for the players while in Australia.

It was agreed by the meeting that a letter be sent to Australia asking how much the 65 per cent would amount to, and the approximate expenses while in Australia.

An offer by the Korean Football Association to play a series of games in the Colony this month was discussed by the meeting. The Korean Football Association is sending a team to Singapore and also to the World Championships.

After discussion, it was agreed that March 20 and 30 be set aside for the Koreans. It was also decided that the first match be against the Combined Chinese and the second against Hongkong.

SPANISH TEAM

Reporting on the negotiations with Mr D. Calvo of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, regarding the visit of the Spanish team next month, Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary of the Football Association, said that Hongkong would play the annual interport match and two games against the Spanish team while in Manila.

The Spanish team will then come and play one match in Hongkong, and all gate receipts would go to the Hongkong Football Association, which would merely pay for the board and lodging of the team while in Hongkong. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Manila enquiring whether the Spanish team would play two matches in Hongkong and what percentage would be required for the second match.

The following were selected to represent Hongkong in the annual interport match against Manila and also against the Spanish XI in Manila: Cheung Koon-hing (Kitchener), Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Lau Yee (South China), Tang Sum (K.M.B.), Honniball (Sing Tao), Tong Sheung (South China), Ho Ying-fan (Eastern), McGregor (RAF), Gardner (Club), Yiu Cheuk-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China), Lee Tai (K.M.B.), Pao Kai-yin (South China), Chan Kar-sau (Eastern), Ko Po-keung (South China), Santos (St. Joseph), B. Omar (St. Joseph), Welles (Army) and McDonald (Club).

Team Manager: Leslie Loucy; Assistant Manager: C. K. Woo.

The Hongkong team will leave for Manila on April 1 and return on April 8.

Mottram Beats Ip Koon-hung

Singapore, Mar. 2. The leading British tennis amateur, Tony Mottram, today beat Hongkong's Ip Koon-hung, who is Hongkong and Malayan Champion, in straight sets—8-6, 6-3—in an exhibition match here tonight.

Tony and Joy Mottram beat Ip and Mrs Sewell of Singapore in the mixed doubles also in straight sets—9-7, 6-4.—France-Press.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP DRAW

Leeds, Mar. 2. The draw for the third round (quarter-finals) of the Rugby League Cup, to be played on Saturday, March 14, was made today as follows:

Bradford Northern v. Huddersfield, Wigan v. Hull Kingston Rovers, Warrington v. Leeds, Leigh or Halifax v. St. Helens.—Reuter.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 3rd Annual Colony Athletic Championships under the auspices of the HKAAA will be held at Sookpoo on March 21 and 22.

The closing date for entries is Sunday, March 8. Entry forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, HKAAA, PO Box 280.

The Championships include all the standard men's and women's Olympic races, over mile distances, events, with the exception of the Steeplechase, Decathlon and races over distances longer than 5,000 metres.

New Colony Athletic Standards

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday approved a new set of minimum performances to achieve a Colony Athletic Standard Medal.

The revised standards are considerably higher than those required at last year's Colony Championships and Standard Medals will now be awarded for performances achieving them at any meeting authorised by the HKAAA.

An authorised meeting becomes an authorised meeting if the Hon. Secretary of the HKAAA (PO Box 280) is informed of it in advance and the Executive Committee is satisfied that AAA rules of amateurism are complied with.

For instance, the value of prizes awarded must not exceed the maximum permitted by the AAA.

The standards set are: High for Hongkong, but have been achieved by some 50 athletes in the past three seasons.

In approving these new standards, the HKAAA Executive Committee felt that athletes themselves would prefer a Standard Medal that was difficult to win and was not shared by too many others.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr Raleigh Leung of the South China Athletic Association, proposed the adoption of the new standards and the motion was carried unanimously with the only amendment that no Standard Medals be awarded for the 100 Yards and 100 Metres owing to technical difficulties in timing close finishes.

The new standards come into force from today.

The standards are as follows:

MEN

200 Metres—23 secs; 220 Yards—23.2 secs; 400 Metres—54 secs; 440 Yards—54.4 secs; 800 Metres—2 mins. 4 secs; 880 Yards—2 mins. 4.8 secs; 1,600 Metres—5 mins. 28 secs; One Mile—4 mins. 45 secs; 3,000 Metres—16 mins. 30 secs; Three Miles—16 mins; 110 Yards Hurdles—16.4 secs; 120 Yards Hurdles—16.4 secs; 400 Yards Hurdles—62 secs; 440 Yards Hurdles—62.4 secs; High Jump—5 ft. 8 ins; Pole Vault—10 ft; Long Jump—21 ft; Hop, Step & Jump—43 ft; Shot Put—38 ft; Discus Throw—120 ft; Javelin—100 ft; Hammer—110 ft.

LADIES

100 Metres—13.4 secs; 100 Yards—12.4 secs; 200 Metres—28.0 secs; 220 Yards—28.8 secs; High Jump—4 ft. 5 ins; Long Jump—18 ft; Shot Put—27 ft; Discus Throw—80 ft; Javelin—80 ft.

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LRC OFFICIALS FOR THE NEW CLUB YEAR

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

General Committee—Mrs D.L. Prophet (President), Mrs F.M. Driscoll, Mrs E.H. Rawlings, Mrs E.H. Sainsbury, Mrs A.D. Scholes, Mrs F.C. Stuckey and Mrs F. Van Vleet.

Balancing Committee—Mrs J. B. Kite, Mrs L.H. Macfarlane, Mrs G. M. Macquibbin, Mrs P. Seales.

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"HANYANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 9th Mar.	
"YCHOW"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Meneassor	10 a.m. 10th Mar.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 11th Mar.	
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 13th Mar.	
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m. 15th Mar.	
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"FOYANG"	Sibu	4th Mar.	
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"FENGTEEN"	Singapore	7th Mar.	
"YCHOW"	Kobe	8th Mar.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m. 9th Mar.	
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"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10th Mar.	
"SOCHOW"	Bangkok	13th Mar.	

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"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	In Port	
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	17th Mar.	
"CHIANGTUNG"	Australia & Manila	21st Mar.	
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"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.	
"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Apr.	

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Sails			
G. "ALCINOUS"	Liverpool	Sailed	Arrives Hong Kong
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	Sailed	In Port, Holt's Wharf	
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	Sailed	9th Mar.
S. "AUTOLYCUS"	do	do	10th Mar.
G. "LAONILON"	do	do	27th Mar.
S. "ANCHISES"	do	do	2nd Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	do	do	7th Apr.
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SAILINGS

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"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hull	23rd Mar.	
"BENLAVERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London and Rotterdam	4th Apr.	
"BENCLEUCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Antwerp and Hamburg	7th Apr.	
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1. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT
Taxpayers who are "residents of the Colony" are reminded that if they wish to elect Personal Assessment for the Year of Assessment 1951/52 in accordance with Sec. 41(1) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, (Cap 112 of the Revised Edition, 1950) they must do so not later than 31st March, 1953. An election made for a previous or later year does not entitle a taxpayer to the benefits of Personal Assessment other than for the year concerned, nor is it necessary to await assessment to Business Profits Tax before making an election.

Application Forms (I.R. Form 76) will be supplied on request to this Department.

2. Discontinuance of Business, etc.
Taxpayers are reminded that under Section 51(6) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, they are required to notify the Commissioner if they discontinue any business, profession or employment or the ownership of any property. Such notice is required to be given within one month after the discontinuance.

P. D. A. CHIDELL,
Acting Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

2nd February, 1953.

NOTICE

The Second Annual Meeting of THE MISSION TO LEPERS HONG KONG AUXILIARY will be held on Thursday, 5th March, 1953. The meeting is open to the general public.

At 5:15 p.m.
in ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
Special Evensong Service

At 5:40 p.m.
in HELENA MAY INSTITUTE (Garden Road)
Business Meeting:
Report for 1952—Accounts—Election of Council for 1953.

At 6:20 showing of colour pictures of the Hay Ling Chau Leprosarium.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

We CHING YAM TING and LEONG AH KWEE both of Rooms Nos. 418/420 Alexandra Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of a change of ownership, we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Lighter "INDO-CHINA O XXIV" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 155866, Gross tonnage 293.54 tons, Register tonnage 293.54 tons, formerly owned by The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited of Hong Kong for permission to change her name to "PACIFIC ENTERPRISE" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by us the said Ching Yam Ting and Leong Ah Kwee as Joint Owners.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 2nd day of March, 1953.

(Sd.) CHING YAM TING and LEONG AH KWEE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "TAIPING"

Arrived 2nd March, 1953.
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March, 1953, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during survey.

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POLITICS

HOLDING UP RELIEF

Beirut, Mar. 2.
John V. Blandford, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, said that political considerations stood in the way of the Arab States helping the 800,000 Arab refugees from Palestine who still depend on relief measures for their very existence.

The Agency's relief budget, he said, was steadily decreasing because contributors were getting tired of giving money to programmes which had negative results, although there were still funds forthcoming for works projects.

He spoke hopefully of irrigation projects in Jordan which are to start this summer at a cost of US\$30,000,000 in Agency funds. This programme could absorb 150,000 refugees.

No other Arab State had so far presented any such scheme, and it was apparent that the problem had become more acute by political considerations, Mr. Blandford said.

Meanwhile, Arab League officials in Cairo expressed fears that Communism was making headway among the hordes of refugees existing in improvised desert camps on the bare necessities of life.

Arab League officials cited particularly the Arab refugees in the Gaza strip whose numbers have been variously reported between 100,000 and 200,000. A recent military trial in Gaza, they said, showed that there were Communists among the refugees with contacts abroad who found fertile ground for their propaganda among the unfortunate people living in almost sub-human conditions.

Officials said that the extent of Communist activity among the refugees was so far very limited because of the Military Administration's vigilance, but they stressed that existing conditions in refugee areas encouraged the spread of extremist doctrines. — United Press.

Ex-King's Flight

Lisbon, Mar. 2.
Ex-King Umberto of Italy, who has been living here since his abdication, flew to Madrid today. The purpose of his visit was not disclosed. — Router.

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"CANTON"	30th April	1st June

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	13th March	13th April
"CARTHAGE"	5th April	6th May
"CORFU"	8th May	8th June
"CANTON"	5th June	6th July

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"SOUDAN"	17th March	Japan
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P. & O.B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OLINDA"	due 11th Mar.	from Japan
	sails 13th Mar.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Rangoon, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
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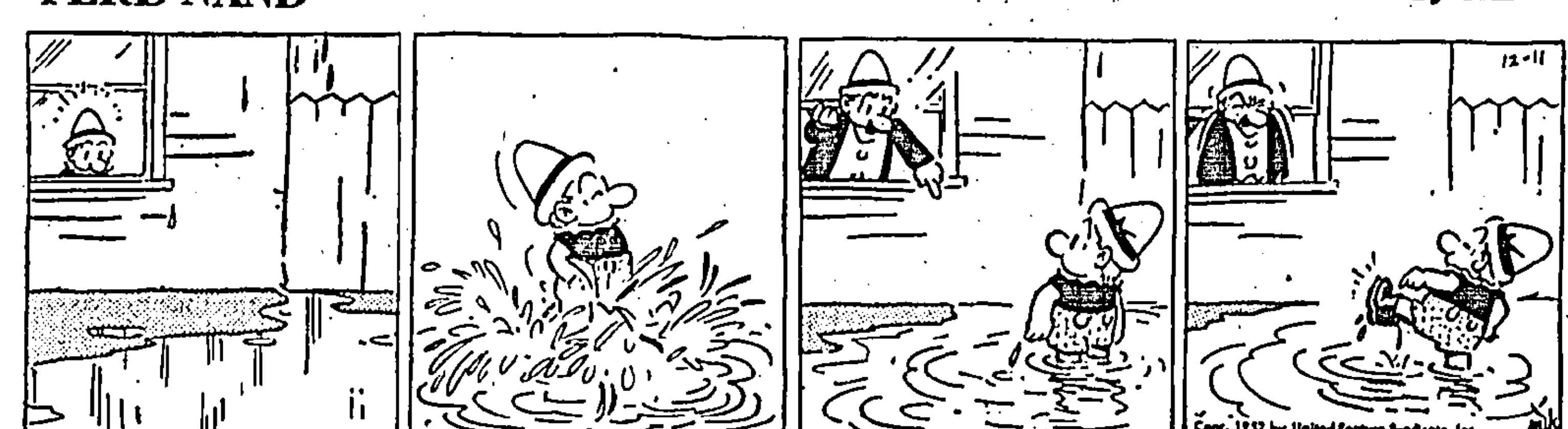
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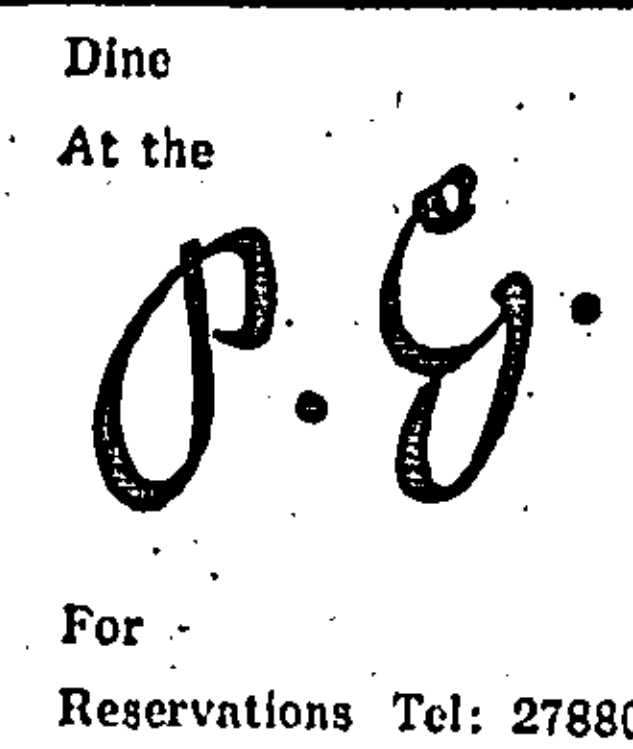
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Peers Oppose 'Great Hotel' In Bond-St.

London, Mar. 2.
A proposal for a large hotel at the corner of Conduit-street and Bond-street, W., has been raised in the Lords by Earl Howe.

This was one of the principal focal points of Central London traffic, he said, and a hold-up there could obstruct traffic in Piccadilly, Regent-street, and Oxford-street.

The Earl of Birkenhead, replying, said that the L.C.C. were anxious that when this site was being redeveloped the traffic flow should be improved.

The carriage-way could be widened and the present footway in Bond-street could be placed inside an arcade under the building.

Lord Strabolgi said Bond-street was almost unique in its special characteristics and was not the place to have a great hotel. Lord Birkenhead: "I strongly oppose great hotels in beautiful streets, but this is the position with which we are confronted."

Air Freight Decision

New York, Mar. 2.
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced plans to double its air freight volume between the United States and Europe this year.

KLM was the leading freight carrier last year among foreign flag airlines serving the United States and was almost even with Pan American Airways for top honours.

KLM transported a total of 7,000,000 pounds across the Atlantic in 1952, with 4,000,000 pounds eastbound and 3,000,000 pounds westbound. — Associated Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

TIRED TESSA

A little while ago, she must have been quite lovely to look at, and it may be that she will be again, one day. At the present time, however, Tessa, a teenage recruit to the ranks of the Piccadilly Circus pick-up girls, looks more like an early-faded woman in her late 40's than a girl just 19 years old.

It was about six weeks ago that Tessa came to London. She left a pleasant home in the suburbs where she had been loved and looked after by a couple who had adopted her when she was a baby; and she came to London in search of that flimsy, elusive article that is called "glamour."

What true glamour is, I should not like to say. Around Piccadilly Circus, search for it seems to involve lean periods of hunger interspersed with fiery hangovers; and always the humiliation of having to crawl and fawn and flatter to earn the means of existence, or other absolute necessities like an occasional pair of nylons.

Not that the girls, the caddies, regard it as in any way humiliating, this having to sing for their supper their dirge-like song. To them it seems romantic and exciting, like living at second-hand, the second-rate screen stories they feed their minds upon.

Tessa was arrested in Piccadilly Circus, and brought to Bow Street, where she was charged before Mr. Frank Milson, with using insulting words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. She had been pestering visiting servicemen, thrusting herself upon them and refusing to take no for an answer when they told her to run away.

She pleaded guilty to the charge, and the magistrate said to her: "Do you prefer chasing these men to doing a proper job of work?"

"Yes, if you put it like that," Tessa said. "She is a tall girl, whose pretty face is marred by the lines put there by spending her last few nights sitting drowsily up until the dawn in all-night cafes. She wore a scrap of emerald-coloured chiffon for a hat and a sloppily sweated in a tangerine shade, under her rumpled dark suit.

When the police had told their story to the magistrate, mentioning that Tessa had been in trouble for running wild before she was 17, and who with his wife had adopted her, went into the witness-box.

HE was a worried looking businessman, and as he began to speak Tessa bowed her head and cupped her face in her hands, and I thought she was crying quietly; remorse, perhaps.

"My wife's very upset about this," Tessa's foster father, said. "It's only a matter of time that we brought her back from Cambridge, when she ran away there. We've told her that if she's willing to give us some kind of undertaking that she'll try to lead a normal sort of life, she can come back home again. She's had a lot of help, you know, the probation officers have been very kind to her, done everything they could."

"Thank you," said the magistrate, and he turned to Tessa, and asked if she had anything to say. She shook her head to say she had not, and still cupped her hand about her eyes.

"WELL, there's a great deal I could say, but I'm not going to," said the magistrate. "I'm going to remand you, and let the doctors see you. In the time that you're remanded, you might try to reflect on the unhappiness you're bringing to the people who have given you such a good home."

They showed Tessa out, and now she took her hand from her eyes. She had not been crying; remorse seemed not to have overwhelmed her yet. She had just been trying to catch up on her sleep, and now she went drowsily off to her cell, to dream there, perhaps, of the glamorous life that was so elusive.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Japanese Trade Threat Alarms Government

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 27.

The Commonwealth Government is reported to be once again alarmed by the threat to Australian trade of cheap Japanese goods.

High officials in Canberra say that renewed Japanese competition, particularly in textiles, could be highly dangerous, and it is felt that the Government will have to decide soon on making some trade agreement with Japan.

Japan is pressing strongly at the moment to be admitted as a member of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs Committee in Geneva and many Government members have the idea that Japan is only waiting until being admitted before launching an all-out drive for trade in the Australian market.

Trade officials are watching the position closely and it would be surprising if an agreement is not tied up with Japan in the near future.

Few people can have more idea of the growing pains of a nation than a foreigner in charge of a new gang of West German migrants at Newcastle Steel-works.

He gives an order in Australian to an Italian who translates it to a Frenchman who translates it to the Germans.

If they want to ask the foreman anything it naturally comes via the same channel.

Australia's exports this financial year could be expected to exceed \$800 million—a figure only beaten during the boom year of 1950-51, according to the National Bank of Australasia.

This would mean a trading surplus of between \$250-\$300 million if import restrictions are maintained.

The Government, however, has decided to relax imports to the tune of \$50 million—a relative drop in a bucket that is unlikely to make itself felt before the end of the financial year in June.

While the amount is only small, industrial leaders feel that if it allows increased importations of raw materials it will serve to stimulate local production.

Sir William Dixon, who was one of the leading figures in the Australian tobacco market, left just over \$500,000 when he died last August. In his will, which was granted probate this week, he left \$100,000 to the New South Wales Public Library.

DRAB CANBERRA
Time and man has done little to improve our National capital, Canberra, which began with so much promise.

In the years up to 1940 Canberra was a mecca for Australians. It was a place of neat homes, lovely shrubs and gardens, rolling green lawns, substantial official buildings which just the right way blended into the rural surroundings. Everything, in fact, was just in its right place in a lovely setting.

During the war years, it began to show a few blemishes, one shrugged. The House of Parliament itself turned a dirty grey in place of the gleaming white, but after all, there was a war on...

But in 1953 we looked for something different—not the wood-matted, grass-choked shrubberies and gardens, not the collection of second-rate houses that have been built on the outskirts and which, sure as taxes, are going to develop into new-type slums in the not-distant future. Certainly we did not expect to see those broken down old wire fences that are a legacy from the days back in 1927 somewhere when the area was private property.

True, Parliament House was white once more, and some effort had been made to keep its immediate surroundings in some sort of order, but all in all, Canberra re-visited was a big disappointment.

why the few tumble-down shacks, fences and houses of earlier days should not be renewed.

Most jarring note: Not one piece of bunting of any description fluttered from the many poles of the House. Indeed, nowhere in Canberra did we see a flag flying.

Wouldn't do for America—No, sir!

CRAZY BUSINESS

There's a man at Blayney—outback New South Wales town—who is mighty mad about exactly nothing.

He is Mr. R. Woodard, a farmer, who has received a cheque for all from the NSW Potato Marketing Board.

This is the way the crazy business went: The Board paid Mr. Woodard £26.61 for 3½ tons of potatoes. Then it valued him £12.71 for freight, £2.17 for cartage, £3.12 for receiving into store, £7.4 for picking over and 6/ for a condition certificate, making a total of £26.61.

Then the Board posted him the cheque for nothing.

Which, to a layman not versed in Potato Board finance, seems to be the best possible way of rubbing salt into the wound.

Yet, next year we will wonder, when a shortage occurs, why farmers aren't growing potatoes.

HOSTILE MIGRANTS

A hostile mob of 30 Italian migrants mobbed and jeered when they left Spencer Street (Melbourne) station in a special train for Australia this week.

As the train pulled out the Italians shouted, waved their fists and threw rubbish at the Australians standing on the platform. These migrants will join the thousands who will pick fruit during the next month in the Mildura district. They have been guaranteed a fair rate of £1.11 a week plus keep while harvesting the grape crop.

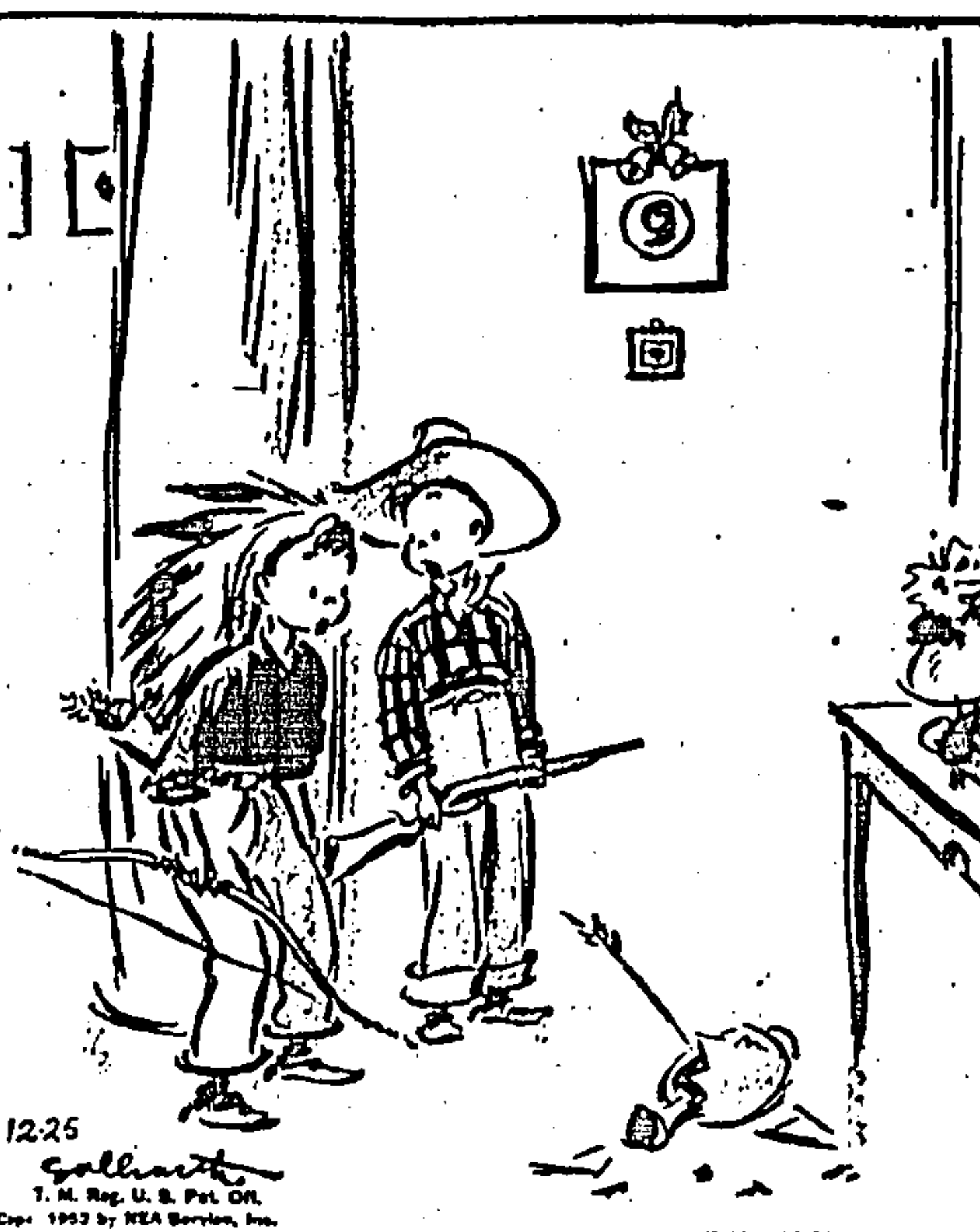
The Australian Workers' Union is sending special inspectors to the area to ensure that the migrants are not overworked and are paid award rates. Special police will also be in the district to see there is no disorder.

LOT WITHDRAWN
A Canberra auctioneer, Mr. Rex Morrisby, has revealed that 50 lots of goods seized when the war was over from the residence of the Japanese Ambassador, were suddenly withdrawn from a Government auction sale.

"The goods were suddenly whisked away five days before the date of the sale," he said. "I do not know who took them, and I don't know what they have become of them. An official of the Department of Supply, who was arranging the sale, told me the auction would embarrass the Australian and Japanese Governments because at that time the new Japanese diplomatic representative was on his way to Australia."

HORSE LEAPS CAIR
Down in the little town of Sidmouth, Tamar, Mr. K. H. Barnes will be able to recall with pride in the years to come that once he owned a "fair sort of a horse."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't worry about breaking the vase—mother said it was 200 years old so it must have been worn out anyway!"

Ice Floe Weather Station Drifting

Washington, Mar. 2.
An Arctic ice floe used by the United States Air Force as a weather station was reported here today to be slowly drifting towards the northern coast of Greenland at an average speed of four kilometres a day.

Baptised "Fletcher's Floating Island", the 14-kilometre long and six-kilometre wide ice floe was transformed into a weather base at the beginning of last year when it was off the northern coast of Alaska.

Driven by the prevailing winds, the island appeared to be moving at a constant speed along an arc around the North Pole which should bring it off the Greenland coast towards the end of this year.

The Pentagon pointed out here today that since several months ago the island has no longer been under the command of the Air Commander of Alaska but had been transferred to the Northeast Continental Air Command, which included bases recently set up in Greenland.

In its journey around the Pole the island is leaving the "side" of the United States to shortly penetrate into the Soviet Union "side".

The floating island is inhabited by eight United States meteorological experts who now receive their supplies from Thule in West Greenland when the weather permits. The island's radio is also in constant contact with Washington.

DETENTION OF SHIP ORDERED
London, Mar. 2.
The British Authorities today ordered the detention of the Norwegian ship *Bastak* which last night struck two anti-aircraft towers in the Thames. The four occupants of the towers are believed to have drowned.

While under detention the ship will be required to remain anchored where it is at present until there has been an official investigation.

An Admiralty representative, noting on instructions from the Treasury Judiciary authorities, who were acting at the request of the War Office, went aboard the ship today to inform the captain of the detention order.

The *Bastak*, of 2,100 tons, was seriously damaged in the collision. She anchored near the spot where it occurred and was waiting for the fog to clear so that she could be towed to Gravesend for repairs.

British Flood Disaster Fund

The Fund will close at NOON, March 14, 1953.

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Mr A. I. Cash... 25.00
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Total at 11 a.m. today... HK\$190,444.80
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£12,000
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VYSHINSKY'S SPEECH

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question. It was the only way to end the barbarous war against the Korean people.

Mr Vyshinsky had spoken for 80 minutes.

Replying briefly, Mr Lodge said Russia had admitted helping the Chinese Communist forces whom the United Nations had already branded as aggressors.

Mr Vyshinsky had talked round the matter without touching on the heart of it—the United Nations Commission's report which clearly found aggression had been committed by North Korea.

The proposals which the Soviet Union made had been to set up the Commission in such a way that the Soviet Union would have a veto.—Reuter.

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